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Main Content

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ADVERTISING DESIGN (ADVT)

ADVT 240 Advertising Workshop 3.0 UNITS

Introduces students to the world of advertising with real-world assignments. They analyze various historical and contemporary campaigns to learn why they were successful and how they affected American culture. Advertising guest speakers along with field trips to award-winning L.A. agencies are scheduled.

ADVT 353 Ideation Bootcamp 2.0 UNITS

Students are taught new and unexpected ways to approach the process of creating ideas. Where do ideas come from? How do you develop abundant thinking? What exercises work best and when? How do you know if something is a good idea? These and many other questions are addressed in this course.

ANIMATION (ANIM)

ANIM 210 Storytelling Fundamentals 3.0 UNITS

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ANIM 211 3D Fundamentals 3.0 UNITS

This course provides an overview of the tools and techniques used to produce digital art for animation. This includes 2D and 3D art assets, animation, sound and video. Upon completion of this module, students will gain a working knowledge of the common tools, techniques and terminologies used in the Digital Media industry.

ANIM 215 Storyboarding and Pre-Viz 3.0 UNITS

In this class students will learn how to illustrate a story through the use of storyboarding and Previsualization (Pre-viz). Students will learn how to break down a script and translate it onto a presentable, self-explanatory, traditional and digital format. Pre-viz will be used to expand on storyboards, testing different shot angles, timing and transitions with different camera placements and movements.

ANIM 220 Design and Drawing for Animation I 3.0 UNITS

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ANIM 250 Animation Studio Project I 3.0 UNITS

Students will work in teams to create a digital animation project, synergizing skills learned in all Previous courses. Students will be exposed to the dynamics of teamwork and the importance of project management using shotgrid.

ANIM 310 2D Character Animation 3.0 UNITS

In this course, students will develop skills and techniques for creating 2D character animation. Students will learn in-depth character design, development, rigging, and animation techniques, used to create facial expressions and lip syncing.

ANIM 310 Basic Video Editing 3.0 UNITS

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ANIM 310 Digital Painting I 3.0 UNITS

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ANIM 310 Digital Sculpting & Z-Brush 3.0 UNITS

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ANIM 310 Lighting: CG & IRL 3.0 UNITS

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ANIM 310 Stop Motion Animation 3.0 UNITS

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ANIM 332	Advanced Animation	3.0 UNITS
n this course, students will expand their understanding of character animation and motion graphics using Maya 3d software as well as using traditional animation media. In addition to basic animation theory, the students will draw from and incorporate 2d elements into their projects using various techniques. Traditional design studies will be translated into 3d environments. Modeling, texturing and lighting techniques will also be explored. Students will complete a complex and unique final project that will be built upon the skills learned in class each week for their portfolio.		
ANIM 340	Acting for Animation	3.0 UNITS
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ANIM 350	Animation Studio Project II	3.0 UNITS
Students will work in teams to create a digital animation project, synergizing skills learned in all Previous courses. Students will be exposed to the dynamics of teamwork and the importance of project management. This is a advancement of Animation Studio project I. Student will be expected to use advance techniques.		
ANIM 420	Design and Drawing for Animation III	3.0 UNITS
Students will explore concepts through research, critical analysis, and brainstorming to create elements needed for conveying story. Design and Drawing Fundamentals III is a class that combines artistic exploration, perceptions, observations, personal narratives, and intuition to create new work. A series of stories and situations will provide both context and a point of departure for our projects.		
ANIM 430	Practicum in Animation I	3.0 UNITS
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- ANIM 445 Animation Explorations 3.0 UNITS**
In this course, students will focus on creating several animated pieces experimenting with multiple techniques with the dual purpose of telling stories and embracing the idea of play. In addition to completing assignments, students are expected to participate in group discussions and be present during in-class work sessions.
- ANIM 450 Advanced Senior Project I 3.0 UNITS**
This course provides a practical introduction to skills for acquiring and keeping a job, as well as the processes for developing a final project. Class and professional critiques help students develop their work, while learning from the creative processes of their classmates. Students collect their work from drawing classes, their storyboards, and other parts of the creative process, to be used as windows into their personal working styles.
- ANIM 451 Animation Senior Project II 3.0 UNITS**
Animation Senior Project II is a production class which takes students through the process of conceptualizing, proposing, planning and executing an original project. Students will learn how to deliver professional level work and deliver presentations to represent their work. Goal setting, scheduling, research, and expanding knowledge will be skills developed through the class. For the final project, each student will complete an original work or project and present it to members of the professional community. Goal: To create an original work and demo reel in a production environment.
- ANIM 470 Animation Internship 3.0 UNITS**
This course engages students to work with established companies that are related to their academic and career interests. The purpose of this course is to expose students to live workplace environments and expand networking resources. Students are expected to do well and represent Otis and the BFA animation program. At the end of the Internship, students will report on their experience through a sharing session. Students who wish to participate in the internship program need to submit updated resume, portfolios and websites. **Students need to apply for internship opportunities on their own or through career services. Approval of the Department Chair required.
- ANIM 490 Advanced Storyboarding 3.0 UNITS**
This is an area of concentration elective to extend students' skills and experience with digital and/or hand animation and film/video tools. These electives will be created with industry advances in mind in order to keep students up-to-date with current industry practices.
- ANIM 490 Motion Capture 3.0 UNITS**
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- ANIM 490 Producing & Production Management 3.0 UNITS**
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- ANIM 490 Storytelling: Cinematic/Miyazaki 3.0 UNITS**
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ARCHITECTUR/LNDSCAPE/INTERIORS (ARLI)

- ARLI 352 Studio III 4.0 UNITS**
Design theory, process, and interior technologies are applied to projects that address non-residential interiors, such as restaurants, stores, spas, exhibits, entertainment and meeting venues, etc. Prerequisites: ARLI250 Studio I, ARLI261 Technologies + Ecologies II, ARLI273 Digital Media II-B
- ARLI 360 Technologies + Ecologies III 3.0 UNITS**
The materials and methods of building construction are studied. Basic structural principles are presented through an introduction to forces and resultants in beams and columns. Prerequisite: ARLI250 Studio I, ARLI271 Digital Media II-A
- ARLI 362 Lighting Fundamentals 2.0 UNITS**
The basic design and technical requirements of lighting systems are introduced with an emphasis on commercial and entertainment applications. Prerequisite: ARLI250 Studio I, or equivalent. This course can be used as a Sustainability Elective
- ARLI 363 Planning to Plan 2.0 UNITS**
Space planning conventions, with an emphasis on access and circulation, are introduced, practiced and modified. Resultant effects on use and lifestyle are discussed through precedents as well as the students' projects. Prerequisite: ARLI 250 Studio I
- ARLI 454 Studio V 5.0 UNITS**
Design theory, process and building technologies are applied to the problem of a building within an urban context. Prerequisite: ARLI353 Studio IV.
- ARLI 466 Internship 2.0 UNITS**
Students work under supervision of existing staff of a professional design firm (Employer). Work includes the observation and/or practice of professional activities, excluding clerical, as documented by the Employer. The duration of work must equal and may not exceed 45 hours per enrolled credit, per semester.

ARLI 467 Internship 3.0 UNITS

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ARLI 469 Lighting Internship 2.0 UNITS

Students work under supervision of existing staff of a professional lighting firm (Employer). Work includes the observation and/or practice of professional activities, excluding clerical, as supervised and documented by the Employer. The duration of work must equal and may not exceed 45 hours per enrolled credit, per semester. This course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: ARLI471 Advanced Lighting Design and enrollment in the Certificate in Lighting Design through Otis College Extension Division.

ARLI 475 Fabrications S 2.0 UNITS

Methods of wood joinery and detailing are introduced and practiced through the design, documentation and fabrication of a container for the housing and display of small objects. Prerequisite: ARLI 250 Studio I and ARLI 271 Digital Media II-A, or equivalents

ART HISTORY & CRITICAL STUDIES (AHCS)**AHCS 120 Introduction to Visual Culture 3.0 UNITS**

In the twenty-first century we realize that canons or standards of good art and design, as well as ideas regarding 'high' art and design cannot be discussed without looking at issues of power and privilege, gender and race. Introduction to Visual Culture takes as its backbone the current debates regarding the validity of a single Eurocentric art historical canon, asking essential questions like: what is art, who gets to make that decision, how do these ideas change with time, social contexts and with evolving perspectives and diverse positions on gender, race, ethnicity, and class? As we engage images and ideas across historical time frames from both Western and non-Western perspectives, students will ask: Why is it that certain kinds of art sell for incredible sums of money, while others are offered up for free? Why does the work of some designers remain anonymous, while that of others is knocked off and copied? How does the role of the media and institutions such as the academy, the museum, and the market shape the publics' understanding of art and design? And who is this imagined public: how is it gendered, what is its racial and ethnic constitution, its social-economic demographic, its cultural origin? Finally, the class considers if it is ever appropriate to use sweeping generalizations about gender, race, class, and ethnicity as we consider the creators and users of an increasingly global, fluid and very diverse visual culture.

AHCS 121 Birth of the Modern 3.0 UNITS

This course investigates the mechanisms of taste, value, and exclusion that have dictated art and design in the West from roughly 1850 to the 1960s. Students will explore the ways colonialism, capitalism, structural racism, sexism, the construction of genius and celebrity, and technological acceleration have shaped the world in which we live -- and how art and design have been imbricated in these practices. We both study modernity and vigorously critique it, considering at every step the conditions of power and privilege that marked these interactions in the modern era, and continue currently to shape students' lives and roles as artists. In an effort to disrupt privileged white-male chronologies and canonical stylistic approaches, BOM is not structured around traditional Eurocentric styles of modern art. Instead, using key artifacts -- past and present -- readings and discussions selected from within and outside the white, Western European canon, we consider and interrogate global creative output during the historical era of modernity.

AHCS 122 Advanced Visual Culture 1: Gateways to Art and Culture 3.0 UNITS

This introduction to visual culture will address the history of visual communication and the changes that visual culture has undergone up until the 19th century across geographical boundaries, while providing students with the tools to understand the visual culture of the present. The class will address formal analysis, the study and history of materials, techniques, and genres. Students will also learn the semiotic language of visual culture and the socio-cultural contexts framing the history of art, both in the past and present. This course will help students understand how visual objects reflect the cultural context in which they were originally produced and consumed, and how the meaning assigned to them changes over time. This will create bridges for the students to connect to the present visual culture while understanding that images are fluid signs which help create and maintain cultural, social, and political discourses.

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AHCS 123 Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power, & Modernity 3.0 UNITS

Planned as a continuation of Visual Culture 1, Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power & Modernity offers a transparent chronology to continue but deepen an investigation of art, design and world perspectives from roughly 1800 to 1960 -- years loosely associated with "modernisms." It explores Western and non-Western, dominant, and marginalized histories during this proposed 200-year time frame, broadening and reinforcing first-year students' historical awareness, while de-centering dominant canons. Visual Culture 2 uses multi-cultural artifacts, readings, seminar-like discussions and experiential collaborations to explore and critically analyze key works and key themes like colonialism, structural racism, xenophobia, industrialization, technology, capitalism and consumerism from multiple perspectives. By the end of the semester, students should have the necessary critical tools to become empathic citizen-artists who can engage an equitable, transglobal, diasporic, technically creative and environmentally demanding present and future.

AHCS 222 Graphic Design/ Illustration History 3.0 UNITS

How do the communication arts reveal the expectations and values of a culture and society at any given time? What are the moral and ethical responsibilities of the communication artist? From typography to photography, trademarks to corporate logos, and from posters to postcards to illustrated electronic paperless forms, the communication arts provide a crucial link to people, places, and to popular culture. This course presents an overview of the communication arts, focusing upon the instrumentality of graphic design, advertising, and illustration in the construction of complex social, political, cultural, racial, ethnic, and gender identities. Activities and assignments such as panel discussions and photo essays afford students a chance to see the connection between their work, and larger historical, contemporary, and global aspects of culture. Most significantly, this course provides an opportunity to understand the vast influence that the communication arts have wielded and continue to wield across the world.

AHCS 222 Graphic Design/ Illustration History 3.0 UNITS

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AHCS 224 Theories and Trends 3.0 UNITS

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AHCS 225 History and Future of Product Design 3.0 UNITS

Every object you use daily from tableware to electronics to furniture and personal home accessories is a consciously designed product and every product involves a range of challenges and decisions. This course investigates the issues that challenged designers historically and today--issues you will face in your education and career. You will explore the diverse concerns about a variety of different cultural needs, economics, technology, advertising, ethics, and sustainability--concerns that you can bring to your studio projects. The course uses a flipped class model, so the majority of class time is spent in group discussions and presentations. Students actively engage to critique and apply what they are learning from readings, videos, and lectures. By the end of the course, you will identify and explain your design concerns, and be able to critically evaluate earlier and current product design issues. Required for all Product Design majors.

AHCS 226 FA Contemporary Art Survey 3.0 UNITS

This is a survey of contemporary fine art on a global stage. Required for All Fine Arts majors and Art History, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture/ New Genres minors.

AHCS 226 Fine Arts Contemporary Art Survey**3.0 UNITS**

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AHCS 228 Art History of Animation**3.0 UNITS**

The "Art History of Animation" course provides a comprehensive survey of the history of animation from its earliest beginnings to the present day. The course explores the development of animation techniques, styles, and themes, and their relationship to cultural and social contexts. Students will gain a thorough understanding of the artistry and creative processes that underlie animated productions and develop an appreciation for the role of animation in shaping popular culture.

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AHCS 229 Art History of Game Design**3.0 UNITS**

This course provides an overview of the history of video games, tracing their evolution from their early beginnings to the present day. Through a combination of lectures, readings, discussions, and hands-on experiences, students will explore the social, cultural, and technological factors that have shaped the development of video games. Topics covered in the course include: The Origins of Video Games: The course will begin with an overview of the early history of video games, including the development of the first electronic games, such as Spacewar!, and the emergence of arcade games in the 1970s. Iconic Games: The course will examine some of the most iconic and influential video games in history, such as Pac-Man, Super Mario Bros., and Doom. Students will analyze the gameplay mechanics, cultural impact, and historical significance of these games. Landmark Companies: The course will also explore the companies that have played a significant role in the development of video games, such as Atari, Nintendo, and Sony. Students will learn about the business strategies, marketing tactics, and technological innovations that enabled these companies to succeed in the industry. Innovative Technology and Hardware: The course will delve into the technological advancements that have driven the evolution of video games, such as the introduction of 3D graphics, motion controls, and virtual reality. Students will also examine the hardware platforms that have enabled video games to become increasingly sophisticated and immersive. By the end of the course, students will have gained a comprehensive understanding of the history of video games and the cultural impact they have had on society. They will be able to analyze and critically evaluate video games as a form of media, and understand the challenges and opportunities facing the video game industry today.

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- AHCS 310 Art History 3.0 UNITS**
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- AHCS 575 Modernism to Conceptualism 2.0 UNITS**
 This course spotlights a different subject and instructor each semester. Instructors offer their own expertise on topics relating to contemporary issues involved in artistic practice.
- AHCS 577 Contemporary Graphic Design Issues 3.0 UNITS**
 This course is total immersion into the field of graphic design. Current and critically important figures will be covered; students will be given tools to use in their practice to ensure that they are informed on the discipline on a global scale. In addition, students will begin to engage visiting artists in dialogue during lectures.
- AHCS 585 Modernism to Conceptualism 3.0 UNITS**
 This course spotlights a different subject and instructor each semester. Instructors offer their own expertise on topics relating to contemporary issues involved in artistic practice. Attendance at Visiting Artists Lecture Series (VALS) is required as part of this course.
- AHCS 585 Out on the Town 3.0 UNITS**
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- AHCS 585 Special Topcs in Art History I 3.0 UNITS**
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- AHCS 587 Models of Practice 3.0 UNITS**
 In this course students will work to contextualize their future practice through close examination of their own body of work, research, and on and off-site visits with contemporary design practitioners. The course will provide opportunities to experience the many roles that designers can play today focusing on the way practice models continue to evolve in response to socio economic technological, cultural, economic and political conditions.
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AHCS 650 Critical Theory & Practice I 3.0 UNITS

This two-semester course is a cross-disciplinary investigation of the various intersections of the realms of the aesthetic and the political, and engages in questions of humanity, power, and representation. We will discuss how orderings of social relations become manifest in the world and how the political becomes 'sensible'. Through the discussion of assigned readings, we will develop an understanding of the ways in which visual cultural production provides the very frameworks for what becomes perceptible and legible. We will consider how works of art can produce encounters that slow our perceptual operations and reading capabilities in a world of easily disseminated, readymade perspectives in service of dominant values and worldviews. Assigned texts will bridge and interrogate the discourses of class, race, gender, disability, art, and the social realm. We will discuss how artists and theorists have responded to the representational politics of the present moment in order to locate individual practices within the larger cultural and socio-political environment. Our goal will be the development of individual, subjective voices within a collective, collaborative, and relational process.

AHCS 651 Critical Theory and Practice 2 3.0 UNITS**AHCS 651 Critical Theory and Practice 2 3.0 UNITS****ART AND DESIGN EDUCATION (ADED)****ADED 299 Art& Design Education Elective 3.0 UNITS****ADED 336 Teaching Intership 3.0 UNITS**

In this Blended Course, students will synthesize and analyze the connections between history and theory of art and design education and community engagement and the realities of what happens in the classroom, studio and/or community setting. Students will do so by participating in a 10 week internship assisting with a K-12 school, museum education department, cultural organization, or a socially engaged artist /designer of their choice. This field experience along with readings, videos and discussions provide the opportunity to expand and reflect on one's understanding of education theory and community engagement, all of which culminates in the development of a professional online teaching portfolio.

ADED 336 Teaching Intership 3.0 UNITS

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ARTISTS, COMMUNITY & TEACHING (ACTS)**ACTS 335 Community Arts Internship 2.0 UNITS**

Students intern at K-12 schools, museums, galleries, cultural organizations, or with socially engaged artists and designers to expand and reflect on their understanding of education theory and community engagement. Required for Community Arts Engagement minors. Can be taken as a studio elective for all other students. This is course is Blended Asynchronous. Ten weeks of this course will be conducted online asynchronously (not meeting at the same time) to allow for internships. Prerequisite: Community Arts in LA, or ACT Director's approval.

ACTS 336 Teaching Internship 2.0 UNITS

Students intern as TA's for credentialed art teachers in diverse K-12 public schools to expand and reflect on their understanding of arts education theory in conjunction with the reality of the public school system. Required for Teacher Credential Preparation minors. Can be taken as an elective for all other students. This is course is Blended Asynchronous. Ten weeks of this course will be conducted online asynchronously (not meeting at the same time) to allow for internships. Prerequisite: SSCI212 Teaching for Learning I or ACT Director's approval.

CATALOG ELECTIVE COURSE (ELEC)**ELEC 299 Studio Elective 3.0 UNITS**

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

ELEC 599 Graduate Studio Elective 3.0 UNITS

Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

CLAY ELECTIVES (CLAY)**CLAY 299 Clay Electives 3.0 UNITS****CONCEPT ART (CONC)****CONC 299 Concept Art Elective 3.0 UNITS****CREATIVE ACTION/INTEGRATED LRN (CAIL)****CAIL 101 Connections through Color and Design 3.0 UNITS**

A second-semester Integrated Learning studio course introducing Foundation students to contextually- based problem-solving using fundamentals of color and design. Students learn Munsell color theory; practical aspects of color mixing such as value, hue and chroma; as well as computer color application. Students solve problems that engage the larger community, transdisciplinary practice, research, and collaboration.

CAIL 102 Contemporary Studio and Creative Action 3.0 UNITS

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- CAIL 200 Creative Action Liberal Arts 3.0 UNITS**
An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.
- CAIL 200 Food, Community, and Urban Gardening 3.0 UNITS**
An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.
- CAIL 200 History of the Moving Image 3.0 UNITS**
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CAIL 200 Modern Mysticism & Afterlife 3.0 UNITS

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CAIL 200 Shelter Me 3.0 UNITS

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CAIL 200 Trees in Paradise 3.0 UNITS

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CAIL 200 kNOw Memorials: New Monuments 3.0 UNITS

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CAIL 201 Human Ecology 3.0 UNITS

CAIL 301 Re-Imagine MacArthur Park 3.0 UNITS

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CAIL 301 Art of Care 3.0 UNITS

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CAIL 301 Coastal Stories: Outdoor Space 3.0 UNITS

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DIGITAL MEDIA (DGMD)

DGMD 404 Senior Project I (ANIM) 3.0 UNITS

Students develop their own final projects. Class and professional critiques help students develop their work, while learning from the creative processes of their classmates. Students collect their work from drawing classes, their storyboards, and other parts of the creative process, to be used as windows into their personal working styles. Prerequisite: Junior required core area of emphasis classes (ANIM330/331 or GAME330/331 or MOTN330/331)

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- DGMD 450 Advanced Concept Development 2.0 UNITS**
Develops the creative and problem solving skills needed to be an effective artist and designer. Regardless of their area of concentration, students learn techniques for overcoming creative block. Students learn the skills needed to either lead a team or participate as an effective member of a creative team. Prerequisite: DGMD285 Junior Concept Development and Creativity
- DGMD 450 Advanced Concept Development 2.0 UNITS**
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DRAWING (DRWG)**DRWG 320 Experimental Drawing Projects 3.0 UNITS**

Provides an opportunity for students to explore advanced techniques and ideas in drawing. It helps students develop their vision and awareness of the drawing media through independent projects and building a body of work. Offered in the Fall only.

ENGLISH (ENGL)**ENGL 050 Developmental English I 3.0 UNITS**

Developmental English I is a for credit, non-degree applicable course designed to support native and non-native speakers of English language in developing the basic Standard English language skills needed for reading, analyzing, writing, and discussing college-level material. The class focuses on organizing ideas into unified and coherent sentences and paragraphs and developing these into a portfolio of drafted, revised, and edited essays. Students are required to work with an SLC tutor on a weekly basis. A minimum grade of "C" (2.0) is required to pass this course.

ENGL 090 Developmental English II 3.0 UNITS

Developmental English II (DEV II) is a for-credit, non-degree applicable course in developing the Standard English skills needed to read, analyze, write, and discuss college-level material. The class focuses on critical thinking, exploring the writing process, organizing information and ideas, culminating in developing a portfolio of drafted, revised, and edited essays. The skills of invention, drafting, revising, and editing are practiced in four to five essays, including at least three drafts each. Students write narratives, text-based papers, persuasive essays, etc., along with reading short non-fiction works. DEV II prepares students for the writing requirements in their core and elective classes. A minimum grade of "C" (2.0) is required to pass this course.

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ENGL 102 DEV Writing Lab 1.0 UNIT

The ENGL 102 Writing Lab focuses on oral communication, reading in context, and critical thinking to support you in your Developmental II English course and beyond as an artist and designer in the world. Through small-group instruction and discussion, each week, you will learn tools that you can apply to your ongoing reading and writing assignments as well as complete activities tailored to meet your individual needs. It is a co-requisite requirement for the following Developmental English classes: ENGL 020, ENGL 050, and ENGL 090.

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ENGL 107 Writing in the Digital Age 3.0 UNITS

The best artists and designers have one thing in common, and surprisingly enough, it isn't the best technique or most sophisticated technological tools! Successful artists and designers all share the same skill: the ability to successfully articulate the concepts, passion, and purpose that drives their creative work. WITDA students will explore ongoing social, cultural, and technological changes that are revolutionizing the way "digital natives" (and society at large) finds, creates, and shares information. WITDA students will also learn valuable techniques to refine their writing, critical thinking, information and digital literacy skills. By the end of the semester, WITDA students will have assessed digital messages by contemporary public figures for audience, context, and purpose, and then applied the most effective rhetorical strategies to a piece of persuasive digital writing in which they argue for--or against— a current trend or cultural phenomenon they feel passionately about. A minimum grade of "C-" is required to pass this course. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL090 or placement through the Writing Placement Assessment.

ENGL 108 Advanced Writing as Discovery: Thought Lab 1 3.0 UNITS

How does the world influence you, and how do you influence the world? In this class, you will discover narratives and other texts that reveal the complexity of your identity. You will apply that understanding to a broader exploration of the necessity of empathy in navigating difference in today's global society. You will be invited to turn your curiosity into a research question about a topic that captures your interest. By the end of the semester, you will have completed a personal narrative, learned how to critically analyze diverse texts, and developed research techniques that will be valuable during your academic career and beyond. You will continue to hone these skills in a specialized Thought Lab 2 course of your choosing during your second semester. A minimum grade of "C-" is required to pass this course. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL090 or placement through the Writing Placement Assessment.

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP (ENTR)

ENTR 301 Intro to Entrepreneurship 3.0 UNITS
 How can you turn your hard-earned art and design school education into a career? How can what you've learned and what you create be monetized to create a meaningful and sustainable life's work? This course introduces you to Entrepreneurship and the basics of creating and operating a business. You will learn concepts of visioning, planning and budgeting, fundraising, marketing, promotion and leadership, both in theory and in practice. You will be exposed to the legal and business underpinnings of operating any sort of enterprise, learn how to protect their art and their integrity, and discuss concepts of ethics within the context of the marketplace. In addition, the course will cover the tricks and techniques of pitching a project, as well as the necessary ingredients of a successful business plan. Guest speakers who have launched their own businesses (representing a wide range of art and design disciplines) will present best practices. Required for Entrepreneurship minors. Open to all others as a studio elective.

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ENTR 310 Entrepreneurial Internship 2.0 UNITS
 Students will intern at small businesses, start-ups, non-profits and/or artist/designer studios to experience and reflect on the day-to-day business practices of their chosen field. Ten weeks of this blended course will be conducted online asynchronously (not meeting at the same time) to allow for internships. Required for Entrepreneurship minors. Prerequisites: ENTR300 Introduction to Entrepreneurship, MATH137 Money Matters, and LIBS317 Issues in Entrepreneurship.

ENTR 401 Launchpad 3.0 UNITS
 The time has come to employ what you've learned about Entrepreneurship and about yourselves as part of the Entrepreneurship Minor, through your major and all your other classes. What do you want to do and make professionally, and how can you monetize it to create a satisfying, challenging and sustainable career? Functioning as an Incubator this class provides you with the opportunity to define and develop the creative business you want to launch after graduation. In tandem with the Business Writing course, you'll focus on Strategic Planning, Business Plan writing, Marketing and Project Management, Business Loan and Venture Capital processes. You'll also receive expert advice from successful, creative entrepreneurs across a range of disciplines through one-on-one mentor meetings. You will be required to create real world, as well as more 'academic,' deliverables, and accurately chart out the beginnings of an actual business that will launch your career as a creative entrepreneur.

FASHION DESIGN (FSHD)

FSHD 214 Sophomore Studio I 3.0 UNITS
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FSHD 215 Sophomore Studio II 3.0 UNITS

Diving deeper into techniques used for garment construction, this in-class course builds on the foundational knowledge of draping, pattern making and sewing acquired in Sophomore Studio I. You will construct and pattern increasingly complex garments using industry procedures and equipment. You will be challenged to interpret 3-dimensional design ideas through the creation of garments using fabrics that accurately reflect your sketches. During this course, you will create one garment of your own design, a full-size sample knit t-shirt, paper patterns, and complete a sewing notebook to use as reference for your career as a designer. Prerequisite: FSHD214 Sophomore Studio I

FSHD 234 Digital Design I 3.0 UNITS

Take your fashion croquis to the next level using Adobe Photoshop and a drawing tablet. In this online course you will learn how to render, make quick and easy color changes, and digitally drape fabric prints onto your fashion croquis. You will learn to create your own custom brushes to replicate elements like lace and stitching. Using drawing tools and filters you will develop fashion graphics and basic textile print designs to use in your work while learning digital terminology and professional practices. Mastering these tools will help you generate engaging mood-boards and professional fashion design presentations.

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FSHD 235 Digital Design II 3.0 UNITS

Introduction to Adobe Illustrator to draw flats/CADs is a requirement for anyone working in the fashion industry. In this online course, beginners will learn the tools and techniques needed to draw industry standard flats quickly and efficiently including digital terminology, professional workflow, and presentations. Throughout this course you will learn to create a custom brush library including specialty stitches, zippers, and trims. You will create a symbol library containing buttons, buttonholes, eyelets, rivets, bar tacks, and zipper pulls. These libraries along with custom templates, and graphic styles will be used to draw a range of different garment types including shirts, blazers, jackets, skirts, pants, jeans, denim jackets, turtleneck sweaters, and cardigans that you can build on in your professional career.

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FSHD 245 Sophomore Fashion Design II 3.0 UNITS

Fashion Design is communicated in a 2-dimensional format, a critical skill for professional fashion designers. This course introduces you to the design process, and what it means to follow a design direction. You will implement your drawing skills obtained in previous coursework to create fashion croquis (quick sketches) that express your design concepts. You will continue to explore croquis sketching and flats, while integrating your experience from Sophomore Studio I by creating sewing samples to support your 2-dimensional designs. During this course, you will complete two projects that will expand your understanding of fabric/color stories, research, and adequate execution of your designs in a 2-dimensional format. Your semester will culminate with an athletic inspired collection that will prepare you for your first Mentor Project at Junior level. Prerequisites: FSHD244 Sophomore Fashion Design I, FSHD214 Sophomore Studio I.

FSHD 300 Junior Studio I 5.0 UNITS

The knowledge of construction is crucial for becoming a successful fashion designer. This in-class course focuses on everything related to the moderately priced market. You will construct different types of garments through instructional videos and step by step pictorial manuals. Along the process, you will also learn how to create treatment samples for your Mentor Projects. Woven pants, a Bomber jacket and bike short made of stretch Lycra fabric are a few projects you will develop. Ultimately, you will complete a bustier in cotton twill by draping, pattern making, fitting and sewing, using intermediate-level industry methods. This project parallels the production process used in the fashion industry.

FSHD 314 Junior Studio I 6.0 UNITS

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FSHD 315 Junior Studio II 6.0 UNITS

Transform your own designs from 2-dimensional drawings to real-life garments. This on-campus course allows you to apply the skills and knowledge you've acquired while continuing to explore more advanced draping and pattern-making techniques. You will approach the mentor project by following the same methods used in the fashion industry, developing a work calendar, and incorporating your treatment samples made in Junior Studio I into your selected design. You will also create a more advanced Tech Pack based on the mentor project which mirrors the requirements of the fashion industry. There are also opportunities for advanced draping exercises. The final project focuses on constructing a pair of pants inspired by one of your own. Prerequisites: FSHD314 Junior Studio I, FSHD344 Junior Fashion Design I

FSHD 325 Digital Design III 1.0 UNIT

Improve your Illustrator and Photoshop skills even further in this online course. Learn advanced skills and techniques for quickly illustrating and editing projects necessary for an exciting fast-paced fashion industry. Working in conjunction with Design you will focus on specific skills required to create your first Mentor Project including techniques for developing, applying, and recoloring original textile print designs and custom graphics. You will also learn to add sophisticated details and flourish to your flats using advanced illustrator techniques and along the way you will be polishing your layout and presentation skills.

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FSHD 344 Junior Fashion Studio I 3.0 UNITS

Clothing centered around streetwear, dress and performance markets is accessible to every consumer of that division at the moderate price-level. This course introduces you to your first Mentor project with focus on the Junior market. Using fashion forecast resources, this course enables you to create fabric stories, garment construction and fashion croquis. You will have the opportunity to work with industry designers, with possibility for a sustainability project. By the end of the course, you will produce a collection, including fabric stories with surface treatments and industry level flat sketches to present to your Mentor during sketch selection. You will produce your top design selected by the Mentor in Junior Studio II class. Prerequisite: FSHD245 Sophomore Fashion Design II, Co-requisite: FSHD314 Junior Studio I

FSHD 345 Junior Fashion Design II 3.0 UNITS

Self-expression and a focus on your individual design aesthetic is a key element to becoming a good fashion designer. Through this course, you will develop your own design concepts for a series of design competitions focused on the contemporary market. This opportunity allows you to compete in the world with other designers and enables you to gain both exposure and scholarship funds. There will be opportunities for a sustainable project if you so desire. By the end of this course, you will have designed two collections for a contemporary market, a sketch book, fabric stories with treatments and designer level flat sketches aimed at preparing you for an internship in the fashion industry. Prerequisite: FSHD344 Junior Fashion Design I

FSHD 353 Fashion Design & Illustration I 5.0 UNITS

Clothing centered around streetwear, athletic or performance categories is accessible to every consumer of that division thanks to their moderate price-level. This in-class course, taught both on-campus and remotely, introduces you to your first Mentor project with focus on the Junior market. Using fashion forecast resources, this course enables you to create innovative fabric stories, croquis sketches, efficient garment construction and fashion illustrations. You will have the opportunity to work with renowned industry designers, with possibility for a sustainability project. By the end of the course, you will produce a collection of 12 illustrations, fabric stories with surface treatments and industry level flat sketches to present to your Mentor during sketch selection. You will produce your top design selected by the Mentor in Junior Studio II class.

FSHD 390 Fashion Elective ST: CLO 2.0 UNITS

These studio-based courses will explore cross-disciplinary special topics or broader topics in fashion. Course titles and descriptions will vary based upon topic to be determined on the basis of faculty and student interest. The department will provide a listing of course offerings each semester. Prerequisite: Students must have completed their sophomore year courses.

FSHD 390 Fashion Elective ST: Textile Exploration 2.0 UNITS

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FSHD 400 Senior Studio I 6.0 UNITS

The global Luxury Fashion Market is growing at an unprecedented rate. This in-class course introduces you to construction techniques used by high-end fashion houses. You will learn about bespoke tailoring techniques needed to construct a classic tailored jacket. In preparation for your Senior Mentor Project, your instructors will guide you to drape, draft a pattern and sew a finished garment. Through these projects you will come to understand the handling and constructing of couture fabrics and be challenged to experiment with sophisticated hand-sewing techniques. By the end of the course, you will create a classic tailored jacket and a Mentor-guided higher priced designer garment of your own design.

FSHD 414 Senior Studio I 6.0 UNITS

The global contemporary Fashion Market is growing at an unprecedented rate. This on-campus course introduces you to construction techniques used by the industry. You will learn about tailoring techniques needed to construct a classic tailored jacket. In preparation for your Senior Mentor Project, your instructors will guide you to drape, draft a pattern and sew a finished garment. Through these projects you will come to understand the handling and construction of diverse fabrics and experiment with hand-sewing techniques. By the end of the course, you will create a classic tailored jacket and a Mentor-guided look of your own design. Prerequisite: FSHD315 Junior Studio II; Co-requisite: FSHD444 Senior Fashion Design

FSHD 415 Senior Studio II 6.0 UNITS

Turning your 2-Dimensional design into a 3D garment entails precise construction methods. This on-campus course further engages you in the 3-D interpretation and completion of your original designs developed for Mentor Projects. You will perform intermediate applications of draping, pattern drafting, classic tailoring, and sewing techniques for a contemporary label that could include an eveningwear project. You will develop and abide by strict timelines during professional fittings. By the end of the course, you will complete an original designer-level creation, work independently within the context of a professional working environment. Prerequisites: FSHD414 Senior Studio I, FSHD444 Senior Fashion Design.

FSHD 444 Senior Fashion Design 3.0 UNITS

Senior students design apparel for Mentor Projects representing the designer/contemporary markets. Working with designers following the fashion industry's seasonal schedule, students design contemporary clothes in better fabrics and finishing techniques. Students learn how to sketch their ideas to capture a look appropriate to the project, develop technical flats using analog and digital methods and create fabric boards with advanced fabric treatments. This course will culminate in a contemporary men's and women's collection. Prerequisite: FSHD345 Junior Fashion Design II; Co-requisite: FSHD414 Senior Studio I

FSHD 445 Senior Portfolio 3.0 UNITS

The Fashion Portfolio is the apparatus used to showcase the skills you've acquired as a designer to prospective employers. Students develop professional Portfolios, targeting a specific market in the fashion industry, and produce four collections to that end, each including a concept board, color story, fabric and treatment developments, fashion drawings and technical flats. A Tech Pack developed in Junior Studio is included. This course concludes with a Senior Exhibit Portfolio Review where industry representatives and recruiters provide insightful critique of portfolios and potential job offers. Prerequisite: FSHD444 Senior Fashion Design

FSHD 462 Fashion Design & Illustration III 4.0 UNITS

Senior students design apparel alongside professional designers representing the designer/contemporary market. Working within Mentors following the fashion industry's seasonal schedule, students design contemporary clothes and a potential costume project in finer/couture fabrics and finishing techniques. Illustration emphasizes complex sketches to capture a look appropriate to the project. Students will develop technical flats using traditional

and digital methods. This on-campus course will culminate in a high-end menswear, or womenswear collection of 12 designs, including technical flats and fabric boards with complex fabric treatments.

FINE ARTS (FINA)

FINA 217 Digital Media 3.0 UNITS

Digital Media is an introductory course in new media – exposing students to a wide range of digital art-making practices while providing the technical fundamentals that enable students to begin integrating digital methods in their respective practices. The course consists of lectures, demonstrations, and computer lab experience. Particular attention is placed on balancing technical skills with creative content and experimental approaches. We will explore the evolution of new media and the corresponding social and cultural impact. The core software is Adobe Premiere, InDesign and Photoshop.

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FINA 374 Studio III 3.0 UNITS

This advanced studio course allows students to learn advanced methods, materials, and techniques in painting, photography, and sculpture/new genres and accomplish advanced projects with the guidance of faculty. The course is also a welcoming place for students and faculty to exchange artistic and cultural attitudes, beliefs, and assumptions to develop together a more open-minded and generative approach to our artmaking and the evaluation of the works of other artists. Attending the Visiting Artist Lecture Series is required. Offered fall semester only.

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FINA 375 Studio IV 3.0 UNITS

This production-oriented advanced studio course emphasizes concepts, processes, and visual strategies toward developing an individual studio practice across the three main disciplines. Critiques, seminars, and individual meetings provide insight into contemporary discourses and practices while helping students find the working methods that best suit them. Attending the Visiting Artist Lecture Series is required. Offered spring semester only.

FINA 406 Out on the Town 3.0 UNITS

This course allows the student access to a cohesive body of information connected with simultaneous components of subject and object making. A three- or six-hour seminar and/or studio explores the historical and contemporary models and contexts of artistic practice. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions. Only certain courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director.

FINA 406 Performance, Ritual & Politics 3.0 UNITS

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FINA 470 Senior Studio I 5.0 UNITS

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FINA 475 Senior Studio II 6.0 UNITS

This course is devoted to completing a cohesive body of work culminating in the building and mounting of the senior exhibition. Students continue independent studio practices, discussions, and critiques with mentors, peers, visiting artists, and critics. This course addresses issues that prepare students for a life in art. Attending the Visiting Artist Lecture Series is required. Offered spring semester only.

FINE ARTS MEDIA (MEDA)

MEDA 320 Time Based Media Projects: 3.0 UNITS

This is an advanced course in the technical and aesthetic aspects of video as an art form. It will emphasize the creative issues involved in a time-based, expressive medium through the discussion of examples. Students will become familiar with current discourses in video art and receive instruction in digital post-production procedures and advanced technology. See the class schedule for course offering and course descriptions.

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FNDT 100 Form and Figure 3.0 UNITS

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

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FNDT 103	Expanded Studio Drawing	3.0 UNITS
These drawing courses are designed to support students in preparation for their chosen majors. Students will experiment with various materials and mediums while exploring a broad spectrum of approaches to drawing as an active form of thinking, seeing, and understanding. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.		
FNDT 104	Expanded Studio Dimensional Studies	3.0 UNITS
Dimensional Studies explores the tangible world, built environment, and object making. Courses are offered in a variety of mediums and investigate a range of topics including spatial analysis and thinking, material experimentation, form design, digital fabrication, hand skills, and building strategies while creating in 3 dimensional and 4-dimensional space. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.		
FNDT 105	Expanded Studio Transmedia	3.0 UNITS
Transmedia explores strategies for visual communication. A range of cross-disciplinary studio courses investigate multi-model applications for conveying bold ideas through form. Courses invite innovative approaches to contemporary media, strengthening fluency in design principles and cultural literacy. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.		
FNDT 115	Principles of Design	2.0 UNITS
This course is a sequenced investigation of various organizing principles using traditional and contemporary media. Students learn fundamentals of value manipulation as determinants of visual order. Elements of visual literacy provide a basis for the study of compositional fundamentals, including focal point(s), directional elements, and visual weight.		
FNDT 145	FNDT Major Studio Elective	2.0 UNITS
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FNDT 145	Foundation Elective	2.0 UNITS
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FNDT 160	Drawing and Building Form	3.0 UNITS
Students study form in both two-dimensional rendering and three-dimensional building through drawing and building objects. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the placement of form in space inform both drawing and form-building activities. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation.		
FNDT 161	Form and Space	2.0 UNITS
Students employ acquired skills transferred from Drawing and Building Form to explore and exploit materials as well as to discover unique processes in creating novel form. The study of three-dimensional design expands to encompass meaning construction, composition and research as students engage the more complex issues of form and space. Recommended for students planning to select Environmental Design, Fashion Design, Product Design or Toy Design as their major.		
FNDT 162	Drwg Studio-Expanded Practices	2.0 UNITS
Students transfer and expand on observational drawing skills acquired from Drawing and Building Form with the application of color and addition of problem finding and complexity of idea. Acquisition of research skills, and the introduction of more varied drawing media, methods and materials fosters students' realization of aspects of personal vision.		
FNDT 172	Creative Practices I	3.0 UNITS
A first semester Foundation course focused on studying, researching and exploring practices of creativity that bridge art/design disciplines. Through a variety of methodologies, lecture, research and discussion, Creative Practices I provides students opportunities to develop perceptual abilities in ways that incite curiosity and engagement with inquiry. Learning to 'see', students question their assumptions of what and how they observe complete visual relationships, locate bias, and develop awareness of context and intentionality of their own work and that of peers and exemplars. Projects are self-initiated and non-discipline specific. Recommended for students planning to major in Product Design, Fine Arts, and Graphic Design.		
FNDT 173	Creative Practices II	3.0 UNITS
A second-semester Foundation course focused on exploring practices of creativity that bridge art/design disciplines. Students are exposed to a diverse range of concepts, materials, and methods for working creatively. In-class activities promote the documentation of individual creative processes and the synthesis of intuitive, culturally constructed, and personal impulses into inventive visual responses. Recommended for students planning to major in Product Design, Fine Arts, Graphic Design		
FNDT 180	Life Drawing I	3.0 UNITS
Sequenced instruction provides rigorous training in the use of gesture, anatomy, and structural figure drafting. Drawing the human figure from the inside out fosters an understanding of complex visual relationships. Upon completion of the course, students are able to analyze the human form and to view it as a complex perceptual model for the larger realm of visual experience. Recommended for students interested in majoring in Digital Media, Toy Design and Fashion Design, open to students interested in any major.		

FNDT 182 Life Drawing II 3.0 UNITS
Structural drawing and perceptual skills are expanded through study of the figure's relation to environment, life-scale, movement, and draping. Students discover individual sensibilities of mark making and aspects of personal vision, through a variety of traditional and experimental drawing media and techniques. Recommended for students planning to select Digital Media, Fashion Design or Toy Design as their major.

GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT (GAME)

GAME 200 Game Design I 3.0 UNITS
A foundational understanding of the basics of game designing for various platforms like PCs, laptops, mobiles, TVs, and tablets. The course teaches students the technical skills required for creating games, including industry pipelines to make real-time development projects, team positions, and tools.

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GAME 210 Game Engine Fundamentals 3.0 UNITS
The Game Engine Fundamentals course is a 15-week program that is divided into five main areas of study. The first part of the course introduces students to game engines, their history, types, and architecture, which includes scene management and rendering pipelines. The second part delves into asset management, importing assets, resource management, and guides students in creating a simple game. The third part covers physics, collision detection and response, as well as input methods such as keyboard, mouse, and touch input. The fourth part focuses on cross-platform development, API abstraction, platform-specific optimizations, and advanced rendering techniques, such as lighting, shading, and post-processing effects. The fifth and final part explores advanced physics, audio implementation, and optimization techniques such as profiling, debugging, and performance tuning, culminating in a final project where students apply their knowledge in creating their own game using the game engine.

GAME 215 Color and Lighting for Games 3.0 UNITS
This course on Color and Lighting for Games covers the fundamentals of color theory and lighting techniques as they relate to game development. The course is broken down into five topics: Fundamentals of Color Theory, Lighting Techniques, Color and Mood, Dynamic Lighting Effects, and Case Studies and Best Practices. Throughout the course, students will learn how to use color and lighting effectively in game design, through assignments and projects that reinforce their learning and allow them to apply the techniques and concepts discussed in class. By the end of the course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of color and lighting for games, and a portfolio of work showcasing their skills in this area.

GAME 220 Design and Drawing for Game 3.0 UNITS
This 15-week Design and Drawing for Games course covers the fundamentals of game art and design, Props and Assets, character and environment design, storytelling, worldbuilding, animation, and portfolio development. Students will learn to create 2D and 3D game assets, design game characters and environments, translate game scripts, and develop a personal brand for their game design portfolio. The course includes a mid-term project, where students will create a concept art package for a game character or environment, and a final project where students will design a game level or world that includes a narrative, environment design, character design, and animation, and present it in the form of a pitch package with a playable demo or video walkthrough. By the end of the course, students will have the skills and knowledge to prepare for a career in game art and design.

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GAME 250 Game Studio Project I**3.0 UNITS**

Students will work solo to create a real-time development project, synergizing skills learned in all previous courses. Students will be exposed to the self-management and importance of project management in a controlled environment

GAME 260 3D for Game and Entertainment I**3.0 UNITS**

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Elective courses in Game and Entertainment Design. See schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.		
GAME 310	Gesture Drawing	3.0 UNITS
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GAME 310	Rigging & Animation for Game	3.0 UNITS
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GAME 315	Adv Game Creative w/ USC I	3.0 UNITS
Otis artists and USC Engineering and Cinema students are collaborating to develop the next greatest gaming experience. Each USC undergrad game team provides information about their game development and students can choose which ones to join. They are looking for several artists for each game including an art director, character, prop and environment artists. Otis students will be critical to the development of the visual look and feel of the game. You will work as part of the team, shifting priorities, changing designs, iterating options, with engineers and coders. The exciting collaboration of creative minds culminates in the Annual Online Games Expo, where the games will be showcased and played by major industry leaders, influencers, and the community! GAME315A - Adv. Game Creative I (1st-time enrolled) GAME316A - Adv. Game Creative II (2nd-time enrolled) GAME317A - Adv. Game Creative III (3rd-time enrolled)		
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GAME 350 Game Studio Project II**3.0 UNITS**

For Game Studio Project II, students will work in teams to develop a game experience using the principles and techniques learned in all prior courses. The project will be developed in Unreal Engine and will be a more complex and ambitious experience than the solo project in Game Studio Course I. Students will be required to work collaboratively and use best practices in project management, version control, and QA. The group project will be presented during the last week of the course, where each team will showcase their game to the class. Additionally, throughout the course, students will be encouraged to build a portfolio of their work and incorporate it into their résumé. By the end of the course, students will have a solid understanding of advanced game design principles, programming and game mechanics, game art and sound design, project management and collaboration, and portfolio creation for game development.

GAME 360 3D for Game and Entertainment II**3.0 UNITS**

The 3D for Game and Entertainment II course is a 15-week program that focuses on character modeling, hero piece asset creation, advanced material/PBR creation, texturing and UV mapping, character prop creation, lighting, rendering, and portfolio presentation. Students will learn the fundamentals of character modeling, including anatomy, topology, and sculpting techniques, and create a simple character model based on provided concept art. They will also create hero piece assets, learn advanced material and physically based rendering techniques, texture the models using industry-standard software, and create character props such as weapons, tools, or accessories. The course will culminate in a portfolio review and presentation.

GAME 430 Practicum in Game and Entertainment Design I**3.0 UNITS**

Working with teachers as well as outside companies and artists who give one or more advanced assignments across the year, students will learn how to run projects from start to finish. Prerequisite: GAME330/331 Advanced Tools and Techniques I/II

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GAME 445 Technical Game Arts**3.0 UNITS**

The Technical Game Art class is a 15-week course divided into five topics that introduce Real-time Development experiences, including In Camera VFX (ICVFX), AR/VR, Virtual Production, and project integration tools. The course begins with an overview of the industry, followed by deep dives into ICVFX, AR/VR, and Virtual Production, covering their principles, technical aspects, and software tools. The final topic brings everything together by applying the learned knowledge to a project, exploring project management techniques and collaboration tools to ensure a successful outcome. By the end of the course, students will have gained a strong foundation in Real-time Development experiences and experience using industry-standard tools, which will benefit their future careers in the gaming or film industry.

GAME 450 Game Senior Project I**3.0 UNITS**

Game Senior Project I is a 15-week course that focuses on creating a real-time development project that meets the criteria for a Senior show and creating work for a high-level portfolio. The course is divided into five sections, with the first section focusing on project planning and proposal, the second section focusing on project design and development, the third section focusing on project testing and refinement, the fourth section focusing on portfolio creation, and the fifth section focusing on networking and final presentations. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to establish mentors and maintain a professional network to accomplish their goals. By the end of the course, students will have developed a real-time project, refined it based on user feedback, and created work for a high-level portfolio while establishing a professional network.

GAME 451 Game Senior Project II**3.0 UNITS**

Game Senior Project II is a 15-week course that builds upon the skills learned in Game Senior Project I. The course is divided into five sections, with the first section focusing on advanced project development, the second section focusing on project testing and iteration, the third section focusing on multiplayer and online game development, the fourth section focusing on game business and marketing, and the fifth section focusing on final project presentation and industry networking. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to establish mentors and maintain a professional network to accomplish

their goals. By the end of the course, students will have developed a more advanced real-time project, refined it based on user feedback, learned about advanced game development techniques such as multiplayer and online gameplay, and established relationships with industry professionals.

GAME 460 3D for Game and Entertainment III 3.0 UNITS

3D for Game Entertainment III is a 15-week course focused on teaching students about pipelines for level assembly, optimization, and workflows to take their game projects to a final status. The course will be divided into 5 topics: Introduction to Game Entertainment III, Level Assembly, Optimization, Workflows, and Finalizing and Presenting. Throughout the course, students will learn about game development processes, level design, optimization techniques, workflow management, and adding finishing touches to their games. The course aims to equip students with the necessary skills to present their projects in a professional manner and succeed in the gaming industry.

GAME 470 Game Internship 3.0 UNITS

The 15-week Game Internship course is divided into two parts. The first part, spanning weeks 1-7, focuses on establishing networks within the internship. Students will learn about professionalism, networking, communication skills, goal setting, time management, and professional development. In the second part, spanning weeks 8-15, students will focus on creating a portfolio that includes work and experience from the internship. They will learn about portfolio basics, content, presentation, and review. The course will culminate in a final sharing session where students will present their portfolios and share their experiences and lessons learned during the internship, receiving feedback and support from their peers and faculty.

GAME 490 Art of Costume in Game 3.0 UNITS

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GAME 490 Character Design for Games 3.0 UNITS

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GAME 490 Design Concepts for Game 3.0 UNITS

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GAME 490 Robots, Vehicles, & Spaceships 3.0 UNITS

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GRADUATE STUDIES (GRAD)

GRAD 550	Advanced Sculpture Workshop	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Beginning Ceramics	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Ceramics	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Ceramics	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Editorial Photography	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Elective	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Experimental Drawing Projects	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Intermediate Ceramics	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	PHOT GNRS: The Mirror Image	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	PNTG GNRS: Action Painting	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	PNTG GNRS: Printmaking & Pntg	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Painting I	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Painting I	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Photography I	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Photography I	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Sculpture I	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Sculpture I	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	The Artist's Joke	3.0 UNITS

GRAD 550	Time Based Media Projects:	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 550	Wilderness	3.0 UNITS
GRAD 654	Performance, Ritual & Politics	3.0 UNITS
Seminar/studio hybrid. Students build knowledge and professional capacity through project-based learning in the areas of diplomacy, discourse analysis, civics, community research, community organizing, planning and project management as they intersect the field of art production. Students apply knowledge and critical thinking to build research-driven, discourse-driven art practices. See department for specific course offerings.		
GRAD 700	Graduate Studio	3.0 UNITS
Graduate Studio is a 6-hour course structured around dedicated studio time and one-on-one studio visits between students and faculty members. This two-year course sequence focuses on each individual student's practice, specifically directed toward an interrogation of the aesthetic, conceptual, and technical issues arising out of their work. It will culminate in the end-of-semester review during which the student and a review committee will discuss and evaluate the development of the student's practice as observed over the course of the semester within the framework of the seminar. Prerequisite: The four course sequence must be taken successively and may not be taken concurrently.		
GRAD 740	Graduate Critique	3.0 UNITS
In this two-year course sequence, all graduate students, regardless of media, individually present work to their peers and faculty for a collective in-depth discussion about the work's material, theoretical, and cultural positioning. The course provides an in-depth discussion and investigation of how an artist's work is perceived as a public statement and how one's work exists in the world.		
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GRAD 774	Professional Practice	1.0 UNIT
A seminar in which the intricacies, idiosyncrasies and responsibilities of the professional artist are discussed and deconstructed.		
GRAD 776	Professional Practice	3.0 UNITS
We will be analyzing the definition of PROFESSIONAL and PRACTICE, singularly and in tandem and how they apply to real life situations. In relationship to determining how "one presents themselves", we will access and research grants, residencies, jobs, etc. Applications, contacts, and experience will be both analyzed and explored. In addition basic artist survival skills and sustainability issues will be discussed in depth. As this is a seminar; discussion and presentation in conjunction with outside support, will form the basis of this course. Student interests and concerns will be addressed. Attendance at Visiting Artists Lecture Series (VALS) is required as part of this course.		
GRAD 777	Exhibition Preparation	3.0 UNITS
The goal of this course is to seek out both group and individual needs to attain one's goals as they relate to the presentation and production of an individual Thesis Show. In addition, issues that deal with and about art post-graduation will also be addressed. What it means to be an artist will be challenged and articulated for each individual. Attendance at Visiting Artists Lecture Series (VALS) is required as part of this course.		
GRAD 789	Visiting Lecture Series	1.0 UNIT
This is a weekly lecture series where artists, theorists and curators present their own work and discuss some aspect of contemporary visual art that is of interest to the graduate student community. The class can be taken alone, or in conjunction with In Context.		

GRAPHIC DESIGN (GRDS)

GRDS 550	Elective	3.0 UNITS
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GRDS 550	Making with AI Generators	3.0 UNITS
GRDS 601	Seminar Studio I	3.0 UNITS
Students work in a collaborative learning environment on a theme-based project, focusing on inquiry, research, discourse. This fourterm course encourages a wide range of opinions, with course outcomes exploring media literacy and critical form-making. Faculty will provide the opportunity for in-depth discussion and critique as well as to connect research to conceptual and formal investigation. Together students and faculty work collectively and individually to produce publishable outcomes that will contribute to design scholarship.		
GRDS 623	Graduate Typography	3.0 UNITS
This course is a graduate level exploration to the fundamentals of typography and typographic systems and letterforms. Students will explore the theoretical and applied use of type as visual form and visible language by learning the nuances of type families, texture, hierarchy, grid, composition, and sequence.		
GRDS 655	Seminar Round Table	3.0 UNITS
Students discuss issues pertaining to being an active designer in the world. Led by guests invited from various disciplines, students look at design from philosophic, historical, and theoretical positions. The course provides an opportunity to speak at length about the value of inquiry, research, and engagement in issues and disciplines outside graphic design. On occasion students will have the opportunity to engage with Visiting Artists in special events or meetings.		

GRDS 665 Entrepreneurship 3.0 UNITS

This course is designed for graduate students that are interested in starting their own business and or freelance business. Students will be introduced to all facets of running a business, such as writing a business plan, promotion, developing a client base, pricing, legal and financial aspects as well as ethical standards. Students will be exposed to guest lectures from a variety of business areas such as small business owners, a life coach, accountant/bookkeeper and an attorney, on the proper way to set-up and run a business.

GRDS 670 Graduate Studio 3.0 UNITS

Graduate Studio focuses on critical iterative processes. Throughout the course students cultivate working methodologies to discover varied outcomes through working fluidly across media. With guidance and mentorship from the faculty, students begin to develop a body of work reflecting their interests, agendas, and values.

GRDS 701 Seminar Studio II 3.0 UNITS

Students work in a collaborative learning environment on a theme-based project, focusing on inquiry, research, dis- course. This four-term course encourages a wide range of opinions, with course outcomes exploring media literacy and critical form- making. Faculty will provide the opportunity for in- depth discussion and critique as well as to connect research to conceptual and formal investigation. Together students and faculty work collectively and individually to produce publishable outcomes that will contribute to design scholarship.

GRDS 702 Seminar Studio IV 3.0 UNITS

Students work in a collaborative learning environment on a theme-based project, focusing on inquiry, research, discourse. This four-term course encourages a wide range of opinions, with course outcomes exploring media literacy and critical form- making. Faculty will provide the opportunity for in- depth discussion and critique as well as to connect research to conceptual and formal investigation. Together students and faculty work collectively and individually to produce publishable outcomes that will contribute to design scholarship.

GRDS 711 Visiting Artists Projects 3.0 UNITS

Visiting Artist Projects consists of workshops where visiting artists from around the United States and abroad lead groups of students through a short- term, socially relevant themed projects. Outcomes fall somewhere between speculation and real-world design solutions with an aim to inspire all parties to apply design thinking in an innovative way.

GRDS 770 Final Studio 6.0 UNITS

Unlike a traditional thesis project our department recognizes the value of finishing the degree with a series of wide-ranging artifacts. Based on the work and research generated in the previous 3 semesters, students frame a position and a future practice that moves seamlessly through time and space.

GRAPHIC DESIGN (GDES)

GDES 200 Graphic Design I 3.0 UNITS

Graphic Design I is an introduction to the mechanics (technique), histories, culture and methodologies (practice and process) used by graphic designers in visual communication. Through exercises and projects, you will develop a process of articulating ideas, research, concept generation, experimentation, form-making, and craft skills. The coursework will oscillate between technique and culture throughout the semester, working incrementally from basic form-making to complex meaning and composition.

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GDES 201 Graphic Design II 3.0 UNITS

Graphic Design II is a continuation of Graphic Design I, exploring visual communication histories, theories, and methodologies commonly used by contemporary graphic design practitioners. Through exercises and projects emphasizing type + image integration and visual + cultural literacy, you will further develop a process that involves visual research, concept generating, form-making, and craft skills. The coursework will expand and extend the knowledge base of Graphic Design 1, focusing on semiotics, multi-page publications, digital media and motion-based applications. Prerequisite: GRDS200 Graphic Design I or approval of Chair

GDES 220 Typography I 3.0 UNITS

Typography I introduces the mechanics (technique) and concepts (culture) of typographic applications. Throughout the semester’s coursework, the class will oscillate between learning basic typesetting techniques and reading about and discussing the cultural conversations that typography can be part of. The coursework evolves incrementally: beginning with single letterforms and sentences to paragraphs and complex typographic applications.

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GDES 221 Typography II 3.0 UNITS

Typography II is a continuation of Typography 1, extending the typographic palette beyond form and composition to focus on the detail in typography— letter-spacing, typesetting, typographic history, type systems, typeface familiarity, complex layout, grid structures, and multi-page applications. You will work on assignments with rigorous parameters, increasing in complexity throughout the semester. You will develop and refine your typographic sensibility and design process. Prerequisite: GDES220 Typography I or approval of Chair

GDES 300 Graphic Design III 3.0 UNITS

Graphic Design III is an increasingly sophisticated examination of design and its applications. Students broaden their understanding of effective design as a visual language in print and screen-based media. Assignments focus on form-making and problem-solving for specific audiences, using research, prototyping, testing, iteration, and developing proposals. The course builds on the skills learned in Graphic Design 1 and 2, preparing students to practice professionally in the 21 century. Prerequisite: GRDS201 Graphic Design II or approval of Chair

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- GDES 301 Graphic Design IV 3.0 UNITS**
Graphic Design IV expands and builds upon the previous course by focusing on experimentation with form and media and building increasingly complex visual systems and narratives. Students cultivate their interests via research and begin developing their working methods, emphasizing presentation skills, iteration, articulation, and refinement. Throughout the course, students develop visual narratives and apply them to print and screen-based media, including 2d, 3d, 4d, using analog and digital methods. Prerequisite: GRDS300 Graphic Design III
- GDES 313 Type Design I 3.0 UNITS**
- GDES 315 Experimental Typography For The Web 3.0 UNITS**
Students investigate the denotative, connotative and conceptual potential of typography, by experimenting with letters, words and language. Students test the limits of typographic expression and expand the variety of creative strategies working specifically for the web. Using tools that may include HTML, CSS, Javascript, and others, students will learn about variable type, and how to use web-based tools to create dynamic and adaptive interactive typographic structures.
- GDES 320 Typography III 3.0 UNITS**
Publication focuses on building content-driven typographic systems and structures, and understanding their relationship to content, concept, and narrative. Students will curate, design, and produce a typographic book. Heavy emphasis will be placed on typographic detailing and refinement (typographic craft), in addition to the advanced, systematic application of the modular grid. Students will also be expected expand their visual literacy with respect to both contemporary and historical publication typography through continued visual research. Prerequisite: GDES221 Typography II or approval by Chair
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- GDES 321 Typography IV 3.0 UNITS**
Type on screen and beyond. This course is an expansion of typographic fundamentals from Type 1-3 (hierarchy, composition, system, structure, sequence/pacing) to new contexts and mediums. Although projects are more self-directed and outcomes are more open-ended, assessment of work is still based on functionality, legibility in context, visual interest, and typographic craft regardless of medium, scale, or format. The projects emphasize a dialogue between classroom work and the larger cultural and historical context. There is no programming requirement for this class. Even if students know how to program or write code, they should not plan to program any of their projects. The focus of this class is the design of project(s). They will be expected to present their screen-based work in an organized way that clearly demonstrates the hierarchies, formal palette, and functionality of their project. This can take the form of an interactive PDF, a video, a slideshow, or any other appropriate format. Prerequisite: GRDS320 Typography III
- GDES 440 Senior Project 3.0 UNITS**
in graphic design, offering them the opportunity to integrate their personal vision with professional goals into a semester-long project. The course schedule is self-driven—each student is expected to define the goals, milestones, and schedule of their project. Weekly lectures, demonstrations, and workshops supplement the coursework and expand/expose students to a variety of technical and critical approaches defining a well-rounded contemporary practice. The result is a well-researched, thoroughly executed project representative of the culmination of education up to this point.
- GDES 453 Systems and Identity 3.0 UNITS**
In this course, students explore the past, present, and future of visual identity, branding, and systems design. The course asks whether a static mark can truly represent an organization in our hyper-connected global world. The work produced in the course focuses on identity as a system (typography, voice, color, application, etc...) of interrelated parts derived from a research-driven, conceptual premise. In seeking more nuanced approaches, students will create a distinctive visual identity system through a structured, yet experimental process. They will work through iterations and build an expansive visual language that moves beyond traditional branding applications. While developing these applied skills, students will begin to think about these practices critically from socio-political contexts as well as potentially through speculative investigations and world-building. Class Level Eligibility: Must be at Senior Level Standing
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- GDES 459 Visual Language 3.0 UNITS**
This course allows students to investigate and deconstruct visual languages in history and culture while also creating their own visual language through a semester-long project based on their own personal interest. The studio class is self-directed, providing a vehicle for rigorous design research, the development of an individual process, and refinement of their craft and formal skills across a variety of media. Prerequisite: GRDS300 Graphic Design IV
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GDDES 491 Web Coding Fundamentals 3.0 UNITS
 This course is a practical introduction to interactive development for the web. In this class, we will cover the planning, design, and production of websites using modern web technologies such as HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript / jquery. Through lectures and workshops, students will work with the current technologies and best practices of building websites. Students will develop the skills and vocabulary that will allow them to communicate with developers and pursue their independent projects. No prior experience with web coding required.

GRAPHIC DESIGN/ILLUSTRATION (GDIL)

GDIL 333 ST: Making with AI Generators 3.0 UNITS

GDIL 333 ST: Propaganda 3.0 UNITS

GDIL 352 Experimental Broadcasting and Creative Publishing 3.0 UNITS

Screens—smartphones, computers, tablets, public displays—are now the dominant mode of interaction in our culture and society. With access to individual channels for advertising and broadcasting—Facebook Live, YouTube, Instagram, Twitch, Vimeo, online radio—artists and designers can activate these platforms as alternative ways to disseminate/publish information and work. With the advent of desktop/home studio tools, on-demand printing, and self-promotional web tools and channels, publishing has never been more accessible and widespread—resulting in DIY book fairs, comics fairs, and independent publishers worldwide. In the first part of this course, focused on Broadcasting as Artistic Practice students will research, conceptualize, and execute a self-produced broadcast in any public medium, engaging with creative experimentation of easily accessible broadcasting tools such as OBS, DAWs, Quicktime, web-browsers, and radio. In the second part of the course, focused on Publishing as Artistic Practice, students will research, conceptualize, and execute a work to be self-published and self-promoted in any public medium, engaging with creative experimentation of tools such as Risograph, web stores, Instagram, and on-demand services.

GDIL 354 Professional Practice 3.0 UNITS

This course prepares students to enter the expansive and ever-changing graphic design field. Students leave the class having completed a professional website, resume, business card, letterhead, cover letter, invoice, promotional leave-behind, and a product available for sale in a real-world marketplace. Students develop and improve interview and networking techniques vital to engaging in the professional world. At the end of this class students will be able to locate, research, and secure internships and employment that aligns with their interests, ambitions, and professional goals.

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GDIL 357 Editorial Illustration/Visual Translators 3.0 UNITS

This intermediate course develops conceptual strategies available to contemporary illustrators, focusing on work appropriate for editorial situations and collaborations with art directors in a professional context. This course enables students to create works establishing a relationship between text, idea, and image. Creative approaches in terms of content, execution, chance-taking, personal voice, and future marketplaces are stressed. Portfolio-level projects are assigned, focusing on idea creation, strengthening concepts, experimentation, and appropriate execution strategies.

GDIL 410 Entrepreneurship 101 (Gr.Des.) 3.0 UNITS

An intensive introduction to all facets of running a business—marketing, promotion, developing a client base, pricing, legal, ethical, financial aspects, mindset, networking, interviewing. Students will learn best practices from: creative agencies, creative directors, Otis Alumna, clients, an accountant, an attorney, business coach and recruiters. This course teaches students how to plan, establish, and sustain a meaningful studio, office, and/or agency. It also provides tools and insights for sustaining winning strategies and securing FT work within an organization - integrating with career services, job fairs and recruitment opportunities. Eligibility: senior level standing. Must be at senior level standing.

GDIL 410 Entrepreneurship 101 (Illus.) 3.0 UNITS

An intensive introduction to all facets of running a business—marketing, promotion, developing a client base, pricing, legal, ethical, financial aspects, mindset, networking, interviewing. Students will learn best practices from: creative agencies, creative directors, Otis Alumna, clients, an accountant, an attorney, business coach and recruiters. This course teaches students how to plan, establish, and sustain a meaningful studio, office, and/or agency. It also provides tools and insights for sustaining winning strategies and securing FT work within an organization - integrating with career services, job fairs and recruitment opportunities. Eligibility: senior level standing. Must be at senior level standing.

ILLUSTRATION (ILUS)

ILUS 200 Illustration I 3.0 UNITS

Professional Illustrators capture your attention and compel you to look further. Illustration 1 is an introduction to the visual communication methodologies that illustrators use to craft that skill. You will explore exercises and projects in diverse media to begin to develop a work process that involves visual research, observational drawing, concept generation, and journalistic storytelling. Projects are designed to encourage expression of your individual voice. The coursework includes historical and contemporary perspectives that have shaped history and culture, and examines the range of markets available to illustrators.

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- ILUS 201 Illustration II 3.0 UNITS**
Effective illustration can inform, provoke, and delight while shaping ideas and culture. Illustration II is a continued exploration of the visual communication theories and methodologies used by professional illustrators. Through exercises and projects emphasizing concept development, cultural literacy, type and metaphor, this course will further develop personal image-making, visual problem solving, editorial and narrative methods. Projects will focus on strategies and skills from print to motion through the conditions of realworld illustration projects.
- ILUS 212 Drawing and Painting I 3.0 UNITS**
Drawing and Painting I is one of two consecutive courses for sophomore illustrators that introduces students to a variety of drawing and painting materials and methods used by professional working artists and illustrators to communicate narratives. To develop these necessary skills, special emphasis is given to representational drawing as a fundamental means for thinking, looking, and authorship. Drawing and Painting I will guide students through the stages of completing a project from concept sketches to finished drawings using value, line, observation, appropriate materials, dry and wet techniques, composition, narrative and development of a unique style using traditional media.
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- ILUS 213 Drawing and Painting II 3.0 UNITS**
Drawing and Painting II provides students with an opportunity to explore and develop an intimate sense of color within the design world. Students are introduced to a variety of color painting media including oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, etc. Curriculum is focused on color theory, color mixing/matching, handling of media, proficiency of application, uses of media based on context, experimentation with pigments, and pigment chemistry. Additionally, students will implement the conceptual design strategies learned from Drawing and Painting I including maintaining a sketchbook, intentional research, design development via rough thumbnail sketches, studies, and comprehensive sketches.
- ILUS 220 Type for Illustrators 3.0 UNITS**
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- ILUS 300 Illustration III 3.0 UNITS**
An increasingly sophisticated examination of illustration concepts and their applications; students broaden their understanding of illustration as visual language in projects that involve research and analysis, focusing on image making, aesthetics, message clarity, audience, and intent with refined use of media and technique. Prerequisite: ILUS201 Illustration II or approval of Chair
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ILUS 301	Communication Studio IV	3.0 UNITS
An increasingly sophisticated examination of illustration concepts and their applications; students broaden their understanding of illustration as visual language in projects that involve research and analysis, focusing on image making, aesthetics, message, audience, and intent with refined use of media and technique. Prerequisite: For ILUS301 is ILUS300		
ILUS 312	Drawing and Painting III	3.0 UNITS
Students refine their expressive and observational drawing, painting and composition skills as they relate to illustration as a means of visual communication. Emphasis is placed on contemporary illustrative applications and strategies, including the use of both analog and digital techniques particular to contemporary illustration methodologies. Studio sessions encourage experimentation and personal development. Conceptual and practical skills pertinent to contemporary illustrative practice are discussed and demonstrated throughout the semester. Prerequisite: ILUS213 Drawing and Painting II or approval of Chair		
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ILUS 313	Drawing and Painting IV	3.0 UNITS
This course further develops students' use and understanding of advanced tools and applications defining the most forward-thinking sectors of contemporary Illustration. Students improve technical skills in both traditional and experimental media with regard to line, form, lighting, and space, while focusing on critical and conceptual issues framing the future of Illustration. Students create ambitious projects designed to engage expansive and dispersed audiences. Intensive real- world assignments prepare students for professional experience in diverse established and exploratory venues. Prerequisite: ILUS312 Drawing and Painting III		
ILUS 330	Visual Storytelling	3.0 UNITS
How can we best engage, motivate, and drive emotion through imagery? In this class students will do various exercises to explore compositional elements, acting, symbolism, and implied narrative. Our midterm will be a one page script, that we'll then create artwork from for the final. Each week we'll study various artworks from literature, painting, script writing and film (live-action and animated), to discuss the differences between genres and how visual communication is used. And In weekly in-class exercises, students will experiment with different devices. Lectures include case studies, commercial techniques, and contemporary methodologies. We'll utilize a sketchbook, traditional mediums, and various programs for compositing/digitizing artwork (Photoshop, After Effects, Toonboom Harmony.)		
ILUS 358	Special Topics: Acrylic Painting	3.0 UNITS
Special topic course. See schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.		
ILUS 358	Special Topics: Advanced Illustrative Applications	3.0 UNITS
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ILUS 358	Special Topics: Observational Drawing	3.0 UNITS
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ILUS 358	Special Topics: Storytelling: Queer Comics	3.0 UNITS
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ILUS 363	Alternative Materials & Processes for Illustrators	3.0 UNITS
Course focuses on the use of mixed media and alternative materials for image construction. The class explores the "use values" of different mediums and how they affect communication. Some materials explored are graphite, paint, paper collage, cloth, digital collage, transfers, oil bars, duct tape, resin, inks, wax, and more. Exploring and experimenting with different combinations of materials is required. Class instruction will include lectures, assigned projects, media demonstrations, readings, slide presentations, and group feedback. Prerequisite: ILUS301 Illustration IV		
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ILUS 364	Professional Practice	3.0 UNITS
This course prepares students to enter the expansive and ever-changing world of professional Illustration. Students leave the class having completed a professional website, resume, business card, letterhead, cover letter, invoice, promotional leave-behind, and a product available for sale in a real-world marketplace. Students develop and improve interview and networking techniques vital to engaging in the professional world. At the end of this class students will be able to locate, research, and secure internships and employment that aligns with their interests, ambitions, and professional goals. Prerequisite: ILUS201 Illustration II or approval of the Chair		
ILUS 440	Senior Project/Seminar	3.0 UNITS
The purpose of this course is to develop complete and professional work derived from research collected during the previous semester in Senior Project Research. In this course, each student will define their own goals, methodologies and schedule of deadlines. We will address appropriate target audiences		

for each project and the media to best reach those audiences, as well as the specific direction each student wishes to pursue as a professional artist. Emphasis is placed on physical realization of each project's content. Students explore conceptual, theoretical, experimental communications problems offering them the opportunity to integrate personal vision with professional goals. In cross-disciplinary teams facilitated by faculty advisors, students define the scope and objectives of their inquiry and outline research and production methodologies.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (INTR)

INTR 330 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies: Design Lab 3.0 UNITS
Upper division studio courses that facilitate student work across media, genres and disciplines, while also developing skills in interdisciplinary thinking in a supportive community. Topics vary each semester. Fulfills studio electives.

LIBERAL STUDIES (LIBS)

LIBS 114 Ways of Knowing 3.0 UNITS

LIBS 115 Thought Lab 2 3.0 UNITS

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology: From Industrial Design to AI Media: Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

LIBS 210 Contemporary Fashion Issues 3.0 UNITS

Fashion is a cultural and social phenomenon that involves us all. The most visible form of consumption and most relevant form of non-verbal communication, fashion is also a representation and objectification of our identity, enabling and supporting social roles and structures. It accords us individuality while validating our group belongings. It is, in short, a fascinating and befuddling aspect of human history, and one that deserves attention. This course aims at promoting an understanding of the most pressing issues in the field of fashion. It examines fashion theories, trends, and culture from the early 20th century to the present through the lenses of globalism, gender identity, diversity, environmental concerns, labor injustice, and ethical issues. This course will familiarize students with the recent revolutions, present condition, and possible future scenarios in the fashion world. Students will be encouraged to question the conventional assumptions of fashion history, particularly as they determined the current crisis. Selected topics will include: the early development of the fashion industry and mid-century democratization of dress, the fashion revolutions at the end of last millennium, the phenomenon of fast fashion and the environmental crisis it caused – including current research and future trends.

LIBS 212 Creative Writing Workshop I 3.0 UNITS

LIBS 214 Culture of the Copy-Honors 3.0 UNITS

These courses introduce students to special topics in the liberal arts and sciences that can inspire them to explore new intellectual and creative pathways more deeply. Course offerings vary by semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings

LIBS 214 Essence of Eve 3.0 UNITS

These courses introduce students to special topics in the liberal arts and sciences that can inspire them to explore new intellectual and creative pathways more deeply. Course offerings vary by semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings

LIBS 214 How to Appropriate Appropriately 3.0 UNITS

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LIBS 214 Intro to Children's Lit 3.0 UNITS

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LIBS 214 Issues in Documentary 3.0 UNITS

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LIBS 214 Monstrous Manifestations 3.0 UNITS

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LIBS 214 Sophomore LAS Elective 3.0 UNITS

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LIBS 214 Strange Ladies 3.0 UNITS

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LIBS 219 Methods and Materials 3.0 UNITS

Methods and Materials explores basic and advanced manufacturing processes and materials. Discussions focus on the fundamentals of plastic component design, decorating and assembly, exploring the possibilities and limitations associated with consumer products. Students will discover and learn through reading assignments, lectures, on-line research, hands-on instructional aides, image/video review and discussion.

- LIBS 238 Soph Sem II: DEI Globl Art Cultr 3.0 UNITS**
 With diversity and equity at its core, Sophomore Seminar engages the western and non-western philosophical canons as a way to critique and de-center eurocentrism, white privilege, ableism, misogyny, patriarchy, systemic racism, power and exclusion at the very root of Western culture. The class asks the following: How do officialized and unspoken philosophies or worldviews shape our most essential and normalized standards/canons of beauty, value, "truth," as well as produce our centuries old privileges and prejudices? Who/what is advanced by these entrenched ideas; who is excluded? Who are the non-dominant but powerful voices that oppose philosophical givens? This is an interconnected two-semester class. Sophomore Seminar 1 introduces key concepts in ancient and modern, European, and non-western philosophical systems, to trace the impact of these ideas on current art, thought and racial/gendered biases. Then Sophomore Seminar 2 critically considers contemporary theorists, non-western and LGBT creatives who challenge the classical and modern philosophical canons covered in Soph Sem I. In both courses/semesters, students learn to evaluate the ideological impact of power, gender, economics, and social class on social and artistic norms.
- LIBS 311 Teaching for Learning I 3.0 UNITS**
 Art and Design educators make a huge impact on students of all ages. The arts are often what keep K-12 students engaged in learning, whether it is taught as a discrete subject or integrated into other subjects. Arts education can help adult learners develop new skills and stay connected to their communities. In this introductory course, you will gain a historical overview of education and art development theories and philosophies while exploring models of art and design education such as student-centered, discipline-based, standards-based, and arts integration. You will observe local elementary, middle, high school and community arts classrooms to understand how all this theory plays out in practice. You will also learn to write your own lesson plans for a K-12, community or adult audiences and practice teaching to your peers in the class. This is your chance to begin to transform art and design education systems to be more diverse, equitable and inclusive. Required for Art and Design Education minors.
- LIBS 312 Creative Writing Workshop II 3.0 UNITS**
 An introduction to the experience and practice of writing fiction and poetry. Includes visits by guest writers in a workshop setting. Students produce a portfolio of writing in revised and publishable form. This course is restricted to students who have submitted a writing sample to the Liberal Studies Department. Required for Creative Writing minors.
- LIBS 313 Teaching for Learning II 3.0 UNITS**
 Building on Teaching for Learning I, this course provides further development of your knowledge and skills as future art and design educators. Through readings, reflections, and discussions you will synthesize education theories and philosophies emphasizing aesthetic development in youth and adults, museum and community settings, public practices, critical pedagogy, classroom management, English Language Learners, Special Education, and best practices such as trauma informed teaching, culturally responsive teaching, and anti-racist / anti-biased practices. You will build your own curricula, write lesson plans, and hone your teaching skills by collaborating with a local art/design educator to teach a lesson to their students - while being videotaped for your portfolio. This is your chance to refine your pedagogy (teaching practice) and update your teaching philosophy and portfolio in preparation for a career as a credentialed art teacher or a community-based teaching artist/designer. Required for Teacher Credential Preparation and Community Arts Engagement minors. Prerequisite: LIBS313 Teaching for Learning I.
- LIBS 314 Art Boundaries 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.
- LIBS 314 Art of Time + Place in Fiction 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.
- LIBS 314 Art, Space, and Place 3.0 UNITS**
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- LIBS 314 Creative Writing Workshop II 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.
- LIBS 314 LAS Upper Division Elective 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.
- LIBS 314 Media + Propaganda 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.
- LIBS 314 Reading Visiting Writers 3.0 UNITS**
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- LIBS 314 Teaching for Learning 1 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.
- LIBS 314 The Global South 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.
- LIBS 314 Topics in Art History 3.0 UNITS**
 This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.

- LIBS 316 Reading Visiting Writers 3.0 UNITS**
Love a book and wish you could meet and speak with its author? You can. Built around the Visiting Writers Series which brings poets, fiction writers and essayists to Otis from around the country, in this Synchronous Online course, you'll read and discuss selected works by authors in advance of their visits. You'll meet the authors, listen to them read, talk about their writing and about aspects of contemporary literary culture. You'll get the opportunity to connect personally, ask the writers about their work, their experiences, their lives as artists. For the signature assignment, you'll have the option of developing and delivering an introduction to a visiting author or writing a creative reflection on a writer, their writing, and your own practice.
- LIBS 317 Social Entrepreneurship 3.0 UNITS**
What role do non-profit entities play in the art world and beyond? What is social entrepreneurship? How do the goals of non-profit arts concerns differ from their for-profit counterparts? This course will examine the current climate for non-profit arts organizations generally and start-ups, in particular, especially those involved in public service, charity work, education, and social justice. Students will research and debate various issues while considering how these may affect their future endeavors. In addition, students will work in groups on a self-generated, unique social entrepreneurship project, where they are encouraged to address social, environmental, and/or cultural issues that interest and motivate them. Students will gain insight into the realities of managing a non-profit arts enterprise by participating in the simulated launch and management of the business concept they designed.
- LIBS 318 Business Communication 3.0 UNITS**
What do you need when you have a great product and a meeting with a potential investor or funder? How do you present a proposal and tell the story of your brand through social media? Learn to hone your business communication for your entrepreneurial endeavor in this online course. Through case studies and critiques, you will learn the art of naming and creating taglines. You will do market research, and write a product positioning, and brand story. By semester's end, you will present your business proposal as a pecha kucha to potential investors and industry leaders. Required for Entrepreneurship minors. Prerequisite: ENTR300 Entrepreneurial Internship. Co-requisite: ENTR400 Launchpad.
- LIBS 405 Business of Fashion 2.0 UNITS**
Assuming a position in the Fashion industry requires business knowledge necessary for merchandising, product development, marketing, creative presentations and sales. Through lectures by industry professionals, this online class provides an overview of the apparel manufacturing process outside the realm of the design room, and the marketing partnership of wholesale manufacturers and retailers. The semester begins with professional practice protocols and job search strategies in preparation for a successful entry into the workplace.
- LIBS 414 Business of Fashion 3.0 UNITS**
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- LIBS 440 Capstone 3.0 UNITS**
The Liberal Arts and Sciences Capstone experience is a required senior-level course designated to facilitate students' critical reflection on a topic that intersects with their own studio practice, discipline, and/or identity. As the signature course and culminating expression of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Department, the class design allows for independent research and private mentoring through Blended classes that meet synchronously online. The Capstone research process encourages students to apply the skills they've accrued during their time at Otis College to a project that can advance their understanding of their career path and chosen industry. A minimum grade of C- or better on the Capstone paper and course is required to pass.
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LIBS 440	Capstone: FA Senior Thesis	3.0 UNITS
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LIBS 440	Capstone: Fashion	3.0 UNITS
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LIBS 441	Capstone	3.0 UNITS
LIBS 441	Capstone: Sustainability	3.0 UNITS
LIBS 442	Capstone: Creative Writing	3.0 UNITS
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LIBS 774	Thesis I	3.0 UNITS
This course supports students in the development of their written thesis about their work and practice. Students will acquire critical writing skills that will prepare them for the literary demands of an artist, including grant applications.		
LIBS 775	Thesis II	3.0 UNITS
This course encourages and trains students to write a thesis about their own work through the development of the requisite critical writing skills that will serve them in the future when applying for grants as well as preparing them for the literary demands of an artist.		

MATHEMATICS (MATH)

MATH 136	Intro to AI with Python	3.0 UNITS
Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.		
MATH 136	Introduction to Programming	3.0 UNITS
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MATH 136	Math Elective	3.0 UNITS
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MATH 136	Math for Artists & Designers	3.0 UNITS
Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.		
MATH 136	Mathematics of a Startup	3.0 UNITS
Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.		
MATH 137	Math Elective	3.0 UNITS
This introductory course introduces non-financial professionals to the basic tenets of personal financial planning concepts for effectively understanding their own finances and using them in their own commercial enterprises to record and manage business operations (accounting, inventory management, marketing, sales forecasting, and financial analysis). Students will learn the math concepts necessary for time value of money managing and calculations and will gain a basic understanding of budgeting and cash flow, credit, banking, saving, investments (fixed income, stocks, mutual funds), insurance, long-term planning (retirement, education, etc.), taxation, employment benefits. The course will include the basic principles of elementary arithmetic, elementary algebra, statistics and probability. Required for Entrepreneurship minors.		
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MATH 137	Money Matters	3.0 UNITS
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MATH 246	Applied Trigonometry	3.0 UNITS
Covers topics in analytical geometry and trigonometry. There is an emphasis on algebraic manipulation and on applications of the topics covered to the design field. Required for Architecture/Landscape/Interiors majors		
MATH 247	Programming/Scripting for Game	3.0 UNITS
This course is your gateway to the realm of game development, focusing on the programming and scripting aspects using the powerful Unreal Engine. Dive into the fundamentals of game programming, exploring programming languages, logic, and syntax. Learn to write scripts that control gameplay mechanics, implement AI, and create interactive elements. Through hands-on exercises, you'll gain practical experience and master debugging techniques to ensure smooth game performance. In the second part of the course, we'll delve deeper into the Unreal Engine and its scripting language, Blueprint. Unlock the potential of Blueprint's node-based system to create visually stunning and highly interactive games. Discover event-driven programming and object-oriented design to craft complex behaviors. Through engaging projects, you'll design game mechanics, create user interfaces, and integrate audio-visual effects. By the end, you'll have a solid foundation in programming and scripting for games using the Unreal Engine. Unleash your creativity into Programming/Scripting for Games, empowering you to bring your game ideas to life! Required of all Game and Entertainment Design majors.		
MATH 247	Programmng/Scripting for Games	3.0 UNITS
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MOTION DESIGN (MOTN)		
MOTN 230	Motion Design Fundamentals	3.0 UNITS
An introduction to basic design and motion design principles and techniques. Prerequisite: DGMD204 Storytelling for Digital Artists I		
MOTN 299	Motion Design Electives	3.0 UNITS
MOTN 325	Design Explorations	2.0 UNITS
Typography, color, shape, light, and more help make for effective motion design. Learn the fundamental principles of each of these and work on combining them to create effective motion design pieces		
MOTN 330	Motion Design I	3.0 UNITS
This course gives students a comprehensive overview of the motion graphic production process using industry standard applications. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamental concepts of digital media, motion design, editing techniques and art direction.		

MOTN 331	Motion Graphics II	3.0 UNITS
These classes will balance further instruction in design principles with actual production of motion graphics pieces. Prerequisites: MOTN230 Motion Design Basics		
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MOTN 430	Practicum in Motion Design I	3.0 UNITS
Students pick a topic generated from outside companies and designers who give one or more assignments across the year. Learn how to run projects from start to finish. Fall Semester will consist of Problem definition, Responsibilities + Expectations, Research the opportunity, Research the creative space, Explore and Sketch, and Prototype. Prerequisite: MOTN330/331 Motion Design I/II		
MOTN 490	Cinema 4D Mograph	3.0 UNITS
These are timely and ever evolving electives designed to extend the students' expertise and experience in creating and producing outstanding motion design pieces and campaigns. Prerequisites: DGMD230 Motion Basics		
MOTN 490	MOTN:Particle & Lghtng Effects	3.0 UNITS
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NATURAL SCIENCE (NSCI)

NSCI 305	Science and Sustainable Design	3.0 UNITS
With the current shift toward more sustainable forms of art and design, contemporary artists and designers are uniquely challenged by issues unfamiliar to artists in previous eras. Sustainable design is concerned with the processes and outcomes needed to respond to the growing consciousness surrounding various impacts of art and design on the world's ecological systems and humankind. Through predominantly science-based methods, students will study approaches to sustainability including, but not limited to climate change, biodiversity, biomimicry, cradle to cradle, and life cycle analysis. Content will emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of sustainable design and how it is defined, measured, and tracked by looking at concepts like design for use, dematerialization, substitution, localization and reuse. Prerequisite: CAIL201 or instructor's approval. Required for Sustainability minors. May be taken as the LAS junior elective with permission of the department. This course will fulfill the LAS junior elective for Fashion, Product Design and Toy Design majors who have a specific required NSCI course.		
NSCI 307	Avoiding Climate Disaster	3.0 UNITS
Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.		
NSCI 307	Human Intelligence	3.0 UNITS
Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.		
NSCI 307	Innovative Materials	3.0 UNITS
Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.		
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NSCI 307	Science & Sustainable Design	3.0 UNITS
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NSCI 307	Smart Textiles	3.0 UNITS
Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.		
NSCI 307	Structural Engineering	3.0 UNITS
Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.		
NSCI 308	Human Factors in Toy Design	3.0 UNITS
Anatomy is the study of the structures and functions of the human body, and ergonomics is the applied science of equipment design. This course examines the human anatomy and its implications for the ergonomic design of toys for children at different stages of physical maturation. Required for Toy Design majors.		
NSCI 315	Textile Science	3.0 UNITS
Study fibers, yarns, knit construction and acquire a practical understanding of how each affects the appearance and performance of the textile product. Knit swatches using a variety of stitches, combining yarns of varying gauges. Other topics include dyeing, printing, and finishes as processes that affect the aesthetic appeal of the finished product, and as functional finishes which enhance performance. The impact of these processes and issues of sustainability are examined as they relate to the cultivation and production of fibers. Learn to make fabric choices based on an understanding of the woven structure and knowledge of individual fabric properties. Required textbook: Fabric for Fashion: The Swatch Book, Second Edition, by Clive Hallett & Amanda Johnston. Required for Fashion Design majors. Lab Fee: \$30		
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NSCI 319 Anatomy and Ergonomics 3.0 UNITS

This course utilizes the principles of physics to understand human anatomy as a mechanical system. Emphasis is placed on physiological issues related to age, gender, and physical disabilities. Consideration is also given to the implications of these principles for applied ergonomics. Required for Product Design majors.

OUTBOUND MOBILITY/EXCHANGE (MOBI)

MOBI 300 Mobility/Exchange - Outbound NaN UNITS

PAINTING (PNTG)

PNTG 204 Painting I 3.0 UNITS

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PNTG 214 Painting II 3.0 UNITS

Intermediate painting course integrates intellectual and technical ability with historical, contemporary, and personal strategies. Emphasis is on the exposure to and analysis of contemporary painting through visual presentations, lectures, and the practical application of painting as a medium, both in technique and material

PNTG 306 PNTG GNRS: Action Painting 3.0 UNITS

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PNTG 306 Painting Genres: Printmaking and Painting 3.0 UNITS

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PHOTOGRAPHY (PHOT)

PHOT 204 Photography I 3.0 UNITS

This course introduces students to the technical, aesthetic, and conceptual aspects of the medium of photography. Basic skills, including digital and analog (film) camera operation, the fundamentals of image exposure, black-and-white film processing, black-and-white and digital color printing, and basic presentation techniques, are covered in regular lab sessions. Group critiques, slide lectures, and field trips help students to develop a critical vocabulary. Offered fall semester only

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PHOT 214 Photography II 3.0 UNITS

This course is an intermediate course within the Photography program that aims to build upon technical knowledge and conceptual structuring acquired in Photo 1. Students will spend time working with image capture and output processes, refining technical and communication methods, and making decisions to achieve their desired aesthetic and conceptual frameworks. Experimentation with new processes is expected, as is the development of artistic and critical reasoning. Offered spring semester only.

PHOT 230 Lighting Studio I 3.0 UNITS

This course introduces students to basic studio skills and lighting applications as well as digital and film formats, on-camera flash, LED, tungsten and strobe lighting, lighting modifiers such as soft-boxes, umbrellas, reflectors, and flags, as well as an in-depth exploration of genres such as portraiture, still life, and location shooting. Students will learn to develop their own lighting design and develop a critical understanding of lighting and its functions within a commercial and a fine art context. Required for Photography Emphasis. Offered spring semester only

PHOT 335 PHOT GNRS: The Mirror Image 3.0 UNITS

Genres courses provide students with the opportunity to explore a variety of topics within the context of photography, targeting specific conceptual, aesthetic, and material approaches in-depth, offering theoretical and vernacular driven investigation. Recent topics offered include Text and Image, Photography and Space, and Our Private Selves. Offered on a rotating basis. See schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

PHOT 336 Editorial Photography 2.0 UNITS

Editorial photography refers to images that help tell a story or educate readers, often appearing in publications alongside the text but often independently. The various types of editorial photography include; fashion photography, photojournalism, and forms of documentary work. Each semester this course focuses on a different type or topic in editorial photography (fashion, photojournalism, or documentary), introducing students to various approaches and preparing students with both the practical and the theoretical aspects of providing vivid images for print and online publications.

PRINTMAKING (PRNT)

PRNT 263 Printmaking Survey

3.0 UNITS

Want to make an impression? Come learn the handmade art of printmaking, surveying the fundamentals of screen printing, intaglio, monotype, and relief. Students receive a brief overview on the history of each process, and demonstrations on the technical options for creating and printing an image with the various materials. The course will consist of lectures and demonstrations along with workdays for printing and image development. Students will complete a series of four projects during the term, the final project being a culmination of all that has been explored. An important goal is that students expand their personal expression as artists and designers within the media of printmaking to enhance their creative vision. Lab Fee: \$35

PRODUCT DESIGN (PRDS)

PRDS 202 Design Studio I

3.0 UNITS

In today's consumer-driven world, people constantly look for products that fulfill their needs, make them feel good, or fulfill their desires. Through a series of hands-on projects, students learn to apply various 2D drawing, computer, and making skills using hard materials applicable to furniture, lighting, home goods, and other product types. Students apply the design process to develop their ideas and explore the relationships between form, function, and how culture can be expressed by and be an influence on the object of design. Work is presented in a series of critique sessions and documented on a digital website. Skills introduced: design process, user experience, identification of form and function relationships, cultural design influence and forces.

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PRDS 203 Product Design Studio II

3.0 UNITS

Products like footwear and fashion accessories express culture and personality and build self-esteem. Building on the skills learned in Design Studio I and Digital Design I, students deploy them in thoroughly investigated and contextualized designs, cultural awareness, and self-expression. Digital modeling and design components are introduced as part of the design process. Through 2-3 projects throughout the semester, students will distill research and explore data visualization, contextualization, trends, user flow, and storyboarding, emphasizing the user. Skills introduced: Students learn to communicate their design concepts and user scenarios using 2D, 3D, and 4D methods (UX). Skills reinforced: design process, research, contextualization, user interaction.

PRDS 210 Design Communication I

3.0 UNITS

Sketching and technical drawings are fundamental to product design in communicating ideas, designs, and concepts. This course presents techniques, tips, and tricks, from quick concept sketching to producing technical drawings to communicate ideas. Students will begin to delineate 3-D forms in 2-D space and the various phases and deliverables of the design process. #Skills introduced: #rapid ideation, iterations, concept sketches, perspective drawing and shading, color rendering, visual fluency, cross-sections, exploded views and digital rendering, 3-D modeling, and visual presentation. #Skills reinforced: #design process, design communication, storytelling, and intention.

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PRDS 211 Design Communication II

3.0 UNITS

Students continue to develop a 2D drawing foundation of 3D space by hand and digitally. Interface design is introduced to add a digital element to the previous semester's project. Students will learn orthographic hand drawing and rendering (precise annotation, translating physical assets and photographic references into graphic representations) with pencil, pen, and marker, as well as 2D digital drawing and rendering (Illustrator, Photoshop, basic technical package for manufacturing, storyboarding), and advanced digital sketching. Skills introduced: orthographic drawing, composition, digital drawing. Skills reinforced: hand and digital rendering, 2D form, visual fluency, and visual stylization. Software and tools: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Figma. Students will learn to prepare work for portfolios, presentations, exhibitions, decks, and websites.

PRDS 230 Methods and Materials I

3.0 UNITS

Yes, products are made from materials. This course introduces students to hard materials (wood, metal, plastic, glass) and all the shops, labs, tools, and techniques for fabricating prototype and presentation models for Product Design. In this hands-on studio, students work with various types of materials in a series of small skills-oriented projects. They learn shop tools and develop skills in form-making. Skills introduced: model making, shop skills, 3D form, surface finishing, sketching, visual fluency, and forces on the form.

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PRDS 231 Methods & Materials II

3.0 UNITS

A continuation of the previous semester's course, the focus is on advanced techniques and finishing skills. Students are introduced to equipment, tools and techniques for fabricating prototype samples and presentation models in Product Design. Students deploy the design process skills they have learned in the Design Studio I, and II courses to their projects and presentations. In this hands-on studio, students work with various materials in a series of small skills-oriented projects. Skills reinforced: sketching, 3D form giving, forces of form, visual fluency, surface finishing, and craftsmanship.

PRDS 302 Hard Goods/Consumer Electronics

3.0 UNITS

Students connect and apply the hard goods skills learned to design a family of objects in the hard goods category of projects. These product types are usually physically solid and include furniture, lighting fixtures, electronics, mobile devices, athletic equipment, and more. The focus is on design thinking and investigating human factors, need finding, materials exploration, functionality, internal components that allow the object to work, and user/product

interaction with a strong emphasis on concept, form, personal expression, and excellence in craftsmanship. Students develop an idea, sketch the concept, and develop a prototype to validate the idea and develop a presentation model. This studio's content, structure, and emphasis vary from semester to semester. Students add work to their portfolios, presentations, exhibitions, decks, and websites. Skills and knowledge introduced: product category, business dynamics/value analysis, product development, and design writing. Skills reinforced: prototyping, sketching, photography, 2D layout, information design, brand, materials, manufacturing, sustainability, industry awareness, individual & group critique, meaning/semantics, modelmaking, 3D form, storytelling, visual & oral presentation, design research, observational research, ideation, brainstorming.

PRDS 303 Product Design Studio IV 3.0 UNITS

Students connect and apply the soft goods making skills learned to design a family of objects in the soft goods category of projects. These products include fashion accessories, footwear, bags, and backpacks, activewear, packaging. Students will design specifications and research materials and create three-dimensional prototype products from flat patterns. Students will investigate human factors, need finding, materials and hardware exploration, function, style, and performance. There is a strong emphasis on concept, form, style, personal expression, and excellence in craftsmanship. This studio's content, structure, and emphasis vary from semester to semester. Skills and knowledge introduced: sketching for soft goods and the fashion accessory product category, business dynamics/value analysis, product development, and design writing. Skills reinforced: prototyping, sketching, photography, 2D layout, information design, brand, materials, manufacturing, sustainability, industry awareness, individual and group critique, meaning/semantics, modelmaking, 3D form, storytelling, visual & oral presentation, design & observational research, ideation, brainstorming, technical pattern making.

PRDS 303 Soft Goods/Patternmaking/Apparel 3.0 UNITS

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PRDS 310 Design Communication III 3.0 UNITS

A computer-aided design (CAD) program widely used in the Product Design industry is SolidWorks. CAD software enhances all aspects of the product design process. It goes beyond 2D renderings allowing designers to work in 3D to ensure it fits the criteria of function and aesthetic with a degree of accuracy and certainty that in the past would not have been possible. This introductory course to SolidWorks teaches the basics of 3D modeling, rendering techniques, and the processes for manufacturing. Students learn to digitally build and manipulate 3D forms and output their efforts through renderings, drawings, or 3D objects. Instructors give weekly demonstrations of the software techniques and capabilities. Individual desk crits and group presentations and critiques provide feedback on each student's design process and abilities. Skills introduced: Solidworks 3D CAD software, modeling, rendering, and 3D print output. Skills reinforced: drafting, rendering, 2D digital fluency, visual stylization, and composition. Software: SolidWorks and Keyshot.

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PRDS 311 Design Communication IV 3.0 UNITS

This studio course is a continuation of Digital Design III. Students select a 3D modeling software for advanced techniques: Advanced Rhino or Advanced Solidworks. The instructor provides feedback on each student's design process and abilities through individual desk crits and group presentations and critiques. Skills reinforced: 3D modeling, digital rendering, and visual storytelling. Skills introduced: SolidWorks or Rhino 3D CAD software, modeling, rendering, and 3D print output. Skills reinforced: drafting, rendering, 2D digital fluency, visual stylization, and composition.

PRDS 345 Corporate Sponsored Course 3.0 UNITS

Product Design Electives. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

PRDS 345 Furniture & Lighting 3.0 UNITS

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PRDS 345 User Interface and Products 3.0 UNITS

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PRDS 362 Beginning Ceramics 3.0 UNITS

This introductory is designed for students in all disciplines. The course is new to the field of ceramics, pushing traditional and historic boundaries and blending them with the state-of-the-art technology. In this project driven studio students learn a variety of hand building techniques such as Potter's wheel, plaster hump, slump, hollow and solid 2-piece plaster molds; extruder, slab coil combined with the use of 3-D printing technology.

PRDS 363 Intermediate Ceramics 3.0 UNITS

This is an intermediate-level course reserved for students who demonstrate the ability to make limited, mass production or art installation multiples, emphasizing sustainable, environmental, and financial practices. Prerequisite: Ceramic Production Techniques I or department or instructor approval.

PRDS 402 Product Design Studio V 3.0 UNITS

This advanced project-based studio course introduces students to more in-depth product design scenarios and explores and discovers possible design solutions, users, and markets. At the same time, students will begin the first phase of their two-semester Capstone Project, starting with the research, ideation, and preliminary design phase. Students are expected to perform at a high level of critical thinking and creativity, aesthetics, functionality, craftsmanship, communication, presentation, and documentation of their design process.

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PRDS 403 Product Design Studio VI 3.0 UNITS

Using the previous semester's designs, students build their prototypes, learn to work with vendors and develop their thesis project, and solve issues and constraints. The second part of the course focuses on preparing their work for the Annual Exhibition and the design of Exhibits and communication in a post-Otis world. Skills introduced: Exhibition design, graphic communication, video, animation, and editing. Skills and experience reinforced: design research, observational research, UX/UI, FIGMA, teamwork, information design, sustainability, prototyping, leadership, ideation, brainstorming, time management, meaning/semantics, design writing, ethics, point of view, and voice.

PRDS 410 Design Communication V 3.0 UNITS

This is an elective studio that allows students to focus on specific software or areas that will further support their skills and goals as they prepare to graduate. Skills introduced or reinforced: 3D modelling, digital rendering, and visual storytelling. Solidworks or Rhino 3D CAD software, , rendering, and 3D print output. Software: SolidWorks or Rhino 3D CAD software. Keyshot, After Effects, Cinema 4D, Figma, drafting, rendering, 2D digital fluency, visual stylization, and composition.

PRDS 420 Integrated Design V 2.0 UNITS

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PRDS 432 Prod. Dev Studio III 3.0 UNITS

This advanced studio course focuses on new product design, development, and marketing methodologies. With a strong emphasis on the user and visual narrative, students engage with the entire product lifecycle, from conceptualization and design to manufacturing, marketing, branding, and packaging. Through individual projects, students create innovative products and craft compelling visual narratives that enhance the overall product experience. This course provides a holistic understanding of product development in real-world contexts.

PRDS 432 Vessel of Dreams: The Packaging of Perfumery 3.0 UNITS

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PRDS 440 Design & Market I 3.0 UNITS

Design-driven companies of today and the future are looking for hybrid designers who can work across design, business, and marketing functions while retaining their depth of design savvy. This advanced project-based course focuses on design, development, brand, and line extensions related to the development of the cycle of products from design concept to manufacturing and product distribution. Skills reinforced: cross-functional skill development, industry awareness, professional design practices.

PRDS 441 Design & Market II 3.0 UNITS

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PRDS 472 Digital Design IV/Rhino 3.0 UNITS

These courses are primarily an elective that provides students opportunities to master their skills in 3D modeling either in Solid Works or Rhino software. Course work focuses on various strategies and skills required to organize accumulated digital work into a market-ready professional portfolio, website, or presentation. Emphasis is developing proficiency in tactical presentation strategies that deliver impact with a visual and rhetorical force that will persuade the audience. In-class projects complement the main Design Studio Capstone project and Senior Show projects. Prerequisite: Digital Design III PRDS 273 or waiver upon Chair or instructor approval

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SCULPTURE/NEW GENRES (SCNG)**SCNG 204 Sculpture I 3.0 UNITS**

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SCNG 214 Sculpture/New Genres II 3.0 UNITS
 Building on practices developed earlier, SCNG 2 guides students in the development and realization of advanced projects. Skills include refined fabrication techniques and an expanded repertoire of materials, new computer technologies for 3-D output, video, sound, and more. Students are exposed to contemporary practices through lectures, reading discussions, critique, and interviews with artists.

SCNG 236 Ceramics 3.0 UNITS
 This sculpture elective will teach fundamental skills of working with clay. You will learn the foundational skills of wheel throwing and hand building: centering and forming shapes on the wheel, wedging, pinching, coiling, soft and hard slab construction, building and assembling in parts, using a banding wheel, and various ways to manipulate the surface of the clay, such as carving, stamping, printing, drawing, painting, and glazing. You will learn how kilns work and various ways to fire the clay, with an introduction to how different glazes and clays react to different firing techniques. Exposure to the historical use and international variety of techniques in ceramics will be integrated into the contemporary context. This is an introductory course; no experience is necessary.

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SCNG 309 Advanced Sculpture Workshop 3.0 UNITS

SOCIAL SCIENCE (SSCI)

SSCI 210 Anthropology through a Sci Fi 3.0 UNITS
 Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

SSCI 210 Beasts of Myth and Fancy 3.0 UNITS
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SSCI 210 Fairy Tales, Diversity and Sto 3.0 UNITS
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SSCI 210 Futuristic Foodways: SciFi/IRL 3.0 UNITS
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SSCI 210 Gender, Sexuality and Pop Musi 3.0 UNITS
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SSCI 214 Community Arts in LA**3.0 UNITS**

What is the importance of community-based cultural capital in a city made of concrete and cars? Does art play a role in building communities and creating culture, when speculative real estate is the city's leading industry? In this course we will uncover the relationship artists and designers have with building communities and creating localized cultures, and how specific Los Angeles communities have used art as a means to occupy political territories over time. Students will research the gritty urban history of Los Angeles in addition to the diverse history of art in LA. We will meet with contemporary artists and designers working in specific neighborhoods, to learn how they create cultural agency and cultivate a rich sense of place. For the signature assignment, students will apply the local urban history and historical research to their own proposals for working with local communities to create positive change through socially engaged art.

SUSTAINABILITY (SUST)**SUST 299 Sustainability Electives****3.0 UNITS****SUST 300 Special Topics in Sustainability: Crisis: How (and Why) to make Art / Design at the End of the World****3.0 UNITS**

Upper division courses that combine studio practice with theory and/or science to address interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability through art and design. Topics vary each semester. Fulfills studio electives.

THEORY AND CRITICAL STUDIES (CRIT)**CRIT 405 History + Theory IV****2.0 UNITS**

Interior organizations are examined through spaces of work and consumption, ergonomics, office landscaping, corporate parks, brandscapes, junk space, malls, themed environments, surveillance, and spectacle. Prerequisite: CRIT304 History + Theory III. Required for Architecture/Landscape/Interiors majors.

TOY DESIGN (TOYD)**TOYD 200 Toy Design I****3.0 UNITS**

Toys are fundamental to our growth and culture. We learn to make decisions, socialize, and create through play. In these on-campus courses, you will develop an understanding of the creative process of toy design and learn the fundamentals of becoming a successful toy designer. Emphasis is placed on brainstorming and designing toys that engage children across various play patterns. You'll apply drawing, model-making, and fabrication skills to create original toy concepts. You'll learn to conduct market research and analysis to ensure your designs are viable and positioned strategically for their intended audience. Using various fabrication techniques, you'll translate your idea into a 3-D model and present the final product to faculty and visiting toy industry professionals. Toy Design studio courses may be sponsored, in which case the toy category or brand would be predetermined.

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TOYD 232 Visual Communication I 3.0 UNITS

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TOYD 242 Design Prototyping I 3.0 UNITS

As a Toy Designer, it's essential to know how to translate your 2D concepts into 3D form. These on-campus classes will equip you with practical prototyping skills and vocabulary that will enable you to develop and communicate your designs accurately. With guidance from your instructor, you'll work in the model shop, and learn to use the tools, equipment, and machinery. You'll integrate these skills and techniques into your concepts, developing an understanding of the design and development process. Ultimately, these courses will provide you with working knowledge in the processes and techniques used in model-making for the toy industry. Fabrication, sculpting, molding, and casting will be taught through lectures and hands-on experience. With the building blocks learned throughout the year, you can move on with confidence to more advanced prototyping in subsequent courses.

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 Story-based toys and line extensions are important in building toy brands. In these on-campus courses, you will conceptualize and bring a character-based product line to life. Storyboarding will be utilized to show how the characters live in their world. You will also create your own play accessory as a stand-alone item or to complement your existing toy line. Advanced presentation and building techniques will be used to showcase toy concepts and features. Prototype models could be articulated with movement and incorporate lights and sounds. Consideration will be given to how your line could become a brand. Toy Design studio courses could be sponsored, in which case the toy category or brand would be predetermined.
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- TOYD 303 Toy Design IV 3.0 UNITS**
 Students will apply principles they have learned in Toy Design I and II to create original toys which can be expanded to become a toy brand with line extensions. Students will utilize analog and digital drawing skills, technology including digital design software for rapid prototyping, and explore methods of fabrication using a variety of materials. Students will learn the most effective methods of presenting their toy concepts visually, demonstrating new features digitally when it is the most effective way of communicating play patterns and function. Corporate sponsored projects may occur during either semester, but regardless, critiques will include visiting toy industry professionals.
- TOYD 332 Visual Communication III 2.0 UNITS**
 Sketching original characters and developing storyboards is an effective way of communicating original concepts and features of toys and related accessories. In this on-campus drawing and portfolio development class, you'll acquire advanced skills in the theory and practice of sketching, drawing, and rendering techniques as applied to toy products. You will concentrate on the creation, organization, and presentation of your portfolio. You'll design a logo and create a promotional sheet that reflects your graphic skill and creative styling with best-in-class examples of your work. Finally, you'll write a résumé that expresses your creativity and design experience with links to a digital portfolio.
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TOYD 400 Toy Design V 4.0 UNITS

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TOYD 415 Career Development 2.0 UNITS

This course will cover interviewing skills, research and targeting potential job prospects, and preparation of oral and written communications.

TOYD 420 Digital Drawing & Illust I 2.0 UNITS

Understanding of form and material indication from the previous semester is now executed in full color. The course starts with the application of color to backgrounds and other simple elements used in concept sketching. By the end of the course, students are rendering at photo-realistic levels using the computer as a digital tool. Students learn how to render a toy of their own design in full color at a professional level. Prerequisite: TOYD321 Drawing IV

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TOYD 436 Visual Communication IV**3.0 UNITS**

This advanced on-campus computer lab course featuring programs in the Adobe Creative Suite allows you to apply your skills and knowledge to improve ongoing projects and enhance your portfolio. The course covers a wide range of Advanced Photoshop techniques, including AI Art integration into your ideation process and how to prepare your digital assets for senior show.

TOYD 437 Package Design**3.0 UNITS**

Branding and packaging play a pivotal role in the success of toy products. This on-campus course emphasizes developing branding strategies and creating three-dimensional package mockups to address a range of packaging styles and retail challenges. In conjunction with marketing considerations, package design must also account for storage, safety, and sustainability factors. Participants can tackle these issues while implementing unique graphic treatments on full-color 3D mockup packages. Upon course completion, attendees will understand various packaging types, including the closed box, window box, tray box, and blister card options. They will recognize the significance of effective communication on packaging to engage consumers.

TOYD 442 Design Prototyping V**3.0 UNITS**

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TOYD 452 Professional Development I**3.0 UNITS**

This course is Part I of a two-course professional development series that requires students to engage in an immersive manner on career development and working professionalism by exploring and participating in all facets of career development in the toy and related industries. This course prepares students to explore, navigate and enter the workplace with toy industry specific checklists, resumes, personal brands, websites/portfolios, as well as asset inventories which will be developed, reviewed, and shared throughout the semester as each student engages in the initial phases of their job search. Each student will build a mindful path to their unique and successful career and complete a detailed and comprehensive roadmap for their journey. To gain actionable insights, students must stretch their investigative, verbal, and leadership skills by sharing their knowledge, opinions and experiences with their classmates, instructors, and guest speakers.

TOYD 453 Professional Development II**3.0 UNITS**

This course is part of a professional development journey that requires each student to engage in a path of focused study on the topic of working professionalism by actively participating in and interacting with classroom simulations, industry speakers, and seminars that will bring the toy industry directly to the classroom in a one-of-a-kind hands on experience. This course provides a solid basis for understanding toy industry practices across the board. It introduces core behaviors, business and industry concepts including but not limited to advertising, brand directional outlines, consumer behavior, costing, legal, logistics, marketing, marketing research, management, manufacturing, merchandising, operations, pricing, product development, sales, and social media as well as workplace recognition and decolonization. Students will understand how this industry scaffold impacts design and how it will affect them as designers.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

CAIL PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Our Mission

Creative Action provides all BFA students with a series of collaborative experiences that extends beyond the boundaries of their own major, integrates disciplinary skills and knowledge, and is sited within a public context. Students work in interdisciplinary teams with a community organization, and focus on team building and research to address the needs of the communities and to implement real-world solutions when possible. The goal is to move beyond the traditional boundaries of the classroom and respond to community challenges using students' diverse visions.

Creative Action Mission Statement: How Can Art Transform a Community?

Through collaboration between real-world partners and multidisciplinary teams, students investigate contemporary issues and utilize their art and design skills to propose innovative solutions. Creative Action, an Integrated Learning Program (CAIL), empowers students to consider the transformative power of their work. CAIL classes actively engage diverse communities on issues of social responsibility, environmental sustainability, and cultural diversity in a cooperative effort to affect change.

Program Learning Outcomes

CA classes carry thematic and pedagogical linkages between the various semesters, but they also uniquely focus on specific skill sets corresponding to the different grade levels.

Creative Action has 3 overarching Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) that are further dissected into Class Learning Outcomes (CLO). The PLOs are in place to provide students with a series of collaborative experiences that extend beyond the boundaries of their own major, integrate disciplinary skills and knowledge, and is sited within a public context. Formally, Creative Action's PLOs are:

- Through diverse research practices, students will be able to critically analyze the social, cultural and environmental contexts of art and design problems, identify ethical considerations and develop sustainable solutions that address the needs and aspirations of the communities we engage with.
- Students will plan, propose and in some cases implement creative solutions for a specific context, informed by engagement with a community and/or group.
- Student groups will synthesize knowledge and organize ideas in an oral and visual presentation to a community partner, a classroom and/or organization.

Foundation

Flowing from the PLOs, each class-level has specific learning outcomes that tie into the larger goals of the program. They are exposed to best practices as well as successful case studies in multidisciplinary collaboration. The foundation year teaches through participant observation, with students visiting partner sites as well as interacting with guest speakers and one another. Most of the faculty in the foundation year are practicing fine artists or illustrators and grades are given based on outcomes, collaborative skills, and professional development.

Formally, foundation year learning outcomes are:

- Students will understand best practices for working in teams on a collaborative visual art and design.
- Students will be able to give a clearly articulated classroom presentation,
- Students will respond to an issue and/or site using skills and concepts based on their community engagement and basic research.

Sophomore

The sophomore CA class is administered through Otis College's Liberal Arts and Sciences Program (LAS) and focuses on strengthening the academic research and response skills of students. Social scientists, art historians, and community organizers predominantly teach LAS classes. A major signature assignment for sophomore LAS classes is a research paper. Every student completes an 8-page research paper that is focused on relevant topics to their site partner and students create hypothetical art and design projects in groups.

Formally, sophomore year learning outcomes are:

- Students will engage in context-driven research (in terms of history, culture, and/or politics) for a specific purpose.
- Students will develop collaborative skills and work in teams.
- Student teams will organize their concepts and communicate their ideas to community partner or group.

Junior

The junior level CA classes are the ultimate culmination of the skills learned at the foundation and sophomore level. At this point, students actively engage with their site partner, are able to independently research and assess needs within the community served, and finally utilize their art and design skills collaboratively with other Otis College students to fulfill the mission of the partner organization. Specifically, students do project-driven research; they look at the ethical implications of art and design; negotiate the complexities of art and design in each unique environment; and begin to learn about project management and successful implementation. While previous sophomore and foundation classes do not focus on the creation of an actual object or piece of intellectual property, junior CA classes require this.

Formally, junior year learning outcomes are:

- Through diverse research practices, students will be able to critically analyze the social, cultural and environmental contexts of art and design problems, identify ethical considerations and develop sustainable solutions that address the needs and aspirations of the communities we engage with.
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BFA ANIMATION: MOTION DESIGN PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Our Mission

Animation students bring characters and stories to life through the magic of computer animation. Using a wide variety of techniques, from traditional 2D animation to 3D computer-generated imagery (CGI), students learn to develop narratives that evoke emotion and create the illusion of movement. Special emphasis is placed on critical thinking and problem-solving, technical and creative skills, as well as acting and business acumen.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Animation graduates will be able to:

- Collect, identify and analyze information to create elegant and innovative solutions in the development of animation content.
- Apply mastery of skills such as, story structure, animation principles and cinematography and filmmaking techniques to create, conceptualize, plan and organize for pre-production, production and post-production.
- Be self-directed, motivated, and adaptive in learning the latest techniques and tools to collect, identify and analyze information to create elegant and innovative solutions for the creation of digital media.
- Assume responsibility for collaboration in production work with diverse teams across multiple media disciplines and value the individual contributions made by each team member.
- Create social awareness and show compassion in using their content to give back to the community by understanding the impact of media and how it relates to and influences behaviors across cultures and global boundaries.
- Be able to communicate effectively to articulate their work and ideas while working with others in pursuit of a common goal.

Degree Requirements

All programs' curricula are developed in response to Program Learning Outcomes, which signify what students learn within a degree program or emphasis area. All program learning outcomes respond to overarching Institutional Learning Outcomes. View the BFA in Animation program learning outcomes here or request information.

Freshman

FNDT 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

FNDT 101 - Color and Design (3.00)

Students will create innovative and impactful designs by learning and applying essential elements including, line, shape, color, texture, space, balance, contrast, and rhythm. Utilizing digital and analog tools, students will engage in diverse design challenges, enhancing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as developing their visual literacy and communication abilities. Through this course, students will learn fundamental concepts relevant to today's creative industries, laying a solid foundation for further explorations

CAIL 102 - Contemp Studio & Creative Actn (3.00)

Students explore the built environment, analyzing its physical, spatial, and temporal elements. This course introduces students to art and design fundamentals, including scale, material, measurement, context, and function. They will explore innovative and sustainable solutions using fabrication, technology, studio labs, and joint activities with other classes. This course includes the Creative Action & Integrated Learning (CAIL) component, which encourages engagement with the city of Los Angeles. Students will participate in site visits, lectures, and relevant readings that highlight cultural, social, political, ecological, or economic aspects of responsive design. Throughout the course, students will also develop professionalism and collaboration skills.

AHCS 122 - Visual Culture 1 (3.00)

This introduction to visual culture will address the history of visual communication and the changes that visual culture has undergone up until the 19th century across geographical boundaries, while providing students with the tools to understand the visual culture of the present. The class will address formal analysis, the study and history of materials, techniques, and genres. Students will also learn the semiotic language of visual culture and the socio-cultural contexts framing the history of art, both in the past and present. This course will help students understand how visual objects reflect the cultural context in which they were originally produced and consumed, and how the meaning assigned to them changes over time. This will create bridges for the students to connect to the present visual culture while understanding that images are fluid signs which help create and maintain cultural, social, and political discourses.

ENGL 108 - Writing as Discovery (3.00)

How does the world influence you, and how do you influence the world? In this class, you will discover narratives and other texts that reveal the complexity of your identity. You will apply that understanding to a broader exploration of the necessity of empathy in navigating difference in today's global society. You will be invited to turn your curiosity into a research question about a topic that captures your interest. By the end of the semester, you will have completed a personal narrative, learned how to critically analyze diverse texts, and developed research techniques that will be valuable during your academic career and beyond. You will continue to hone these skills in a specialized Thought Lab 2 course of your choosing during your second semester. A minimum grade of "C-" is required to pass this course. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL090 or placement through the Writing Placement Assessment.

FNDT 103 - Exp Studio:Drawing (3.00)

These drawing courses are designed to support students in preparation for their chosen majors. Students will experiment with various materials and mediums while exploring a broad spectrum of approaches to drawing as an active form of thinking, seeing, and understanding. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

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Dimensional Studies explores the tangible world, built environment, and object making. Courses are offered in a variety of mediums and investigate a range of topics including spatial analysis and thinking, material experimentation, form design, digital fabrication, hand skills, and building strategies while creating in 3 dimensional and 4-dimensional space. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

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FNDT 150 - Major Studio Elective (3.00)

See schedule of courses for specific course offerings. Introductory courses focusing topics within a specific studio department.

AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

Planned as a continuation of Visual Culture 1, Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power & Modernity offers a transparent chronology to continue but deepen an investigation of art, design and world perspectives from roughly 1800 to 1960 -- years loosely associated with "modernisms." It explores Western and non-Western, dominant, and marginalized histories during this proposed 200-year time frame, broadening and reinforcing first-year students' historical awareness, while de-centering dominant canons. Visual Culture 2 uses multi-cultural artifacts, readings, seminar-like discussions and experiential collaborations to explore and critically analyze key works and key themes like colonialism, structural racism, xenophobia, industrialization, technology, capitalism and consumerism from multiple perspectives. By the end of the semester, students should have the necessary critical tools to become empathic citizen-artists who can engage an equitable, transglobal, diasporic, technically creative and environmentally demanding present and future.

LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology: From Industrial Design to AI Media: Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

Sophomore

ANIM 210 - Storytelling Fundamentals (3.00)

The basic principles of story structure are applicable to any medium: film, TV, novels, comic books, theatre, video games, even works of sculpture and dance. A foundational understanding of basic storytelling structure will deepen audience engagement and help to create emotional resonance. This course will utilize multimedia presentations, group work, reading and viewing assignments, response papers, and creative writing to foster a deeper understanding of the nature of story structure, its role in various mediums, and techniques to enhance its effectiveness.

ILUS 220 - Type for Illustrators (3.00)

This course is designed for Sophomore Illustrators to introduce and expand upon the fundamentals of typography and the study of letterforms, with the emphasis placed on exploring type as a tool integral to contemporary illustrative practices.

ANIM 230 - Animation Basics (3.00)

In this course, students will learn industry standard principles and techniques for creating professional animation. Students will gain an introductory level understanding of the "12 animation principles" using Digital 2D and 3D animation tools and techniques. In each class, students will concentrate on a series of exercises related to the many topics of study in Traditional Animation techniques. Course Fee of \$135

AHCS 228 - Art History of Animation (3.00)

The "Art History of Animation" course provides a comprehensive survey of the history of animation from its earliest beginnings to the present day. The course explores the development of animation techniques, styles, and themes, and their relationship to cultural and social contexts. Students will gain a thorough understanding of the artistry and creative processes that underlie animated productions and develop an appreciation for the role of animation in shaping popular culture.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

MOTN 230 - Motion Design Fundamentals (3.00)

An introduction to basic design and motion design principles and techniques. Prerequisite: DGMD204 Storytelling for Digital Artists I

ANIM 215 - Storyboarding and Pre-viz (3.00)

In this class students will learn how to illustrate a story through the use of storyboarding and Previsualization (Pre-viz). Students will learn how to break down a script and translate it onto a presentable, self-explanatory, traditional and digital format. Pre-viz will be used to expand on storyboards, testing different shot angles, timing and transitions with different camera placements and movements.

ANIM 250 - Animation Studio Project I (3.00)

Students will work in teams to create a digital animation project, synergizing skills learned in all Previous courses. Students will be exposed to the dynamics of teamwork and the importance of project management using shotgrid.

AHCS 224 - Theories and Trends (3.00)

This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

LIBS 214 - Sophomore LAS Elective (3.00)

These courses introduce students to special topics in the liberal arts and sciences that can inspire them to explore new intellectual and creative pathways more deeply. Course offerings vary by semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings

Junior

ANIM 320 - Des & Drawing for Animation II (3.00)

This focuses on advance design concepts with an emphasis on creating memorable characters with interesting personalities & shapes to tell a story. The goal is to get students used to the idea of research and sketching from life or reference. Then apply the process of revisions to refine their designs in better serving the story. Students will practice draftsmanship to demonstrates the interplay of structure, anatomy, design, and expression in effective figures.

MOTN 330 - Motion Design I (3.00)

This course gives students a comprehensive overview of the motion graphic production process using industry standard applications. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamental concepts of digital media, motion design, editing techniques and art direction.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

SSCI 210 - Social Science (3.00)

Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

MOTN 331 - Motion Graphics II (3.00)

These classes will balance further instruction in design principles with actual production of motion graphics pieces. Prerequisites: MOTN230 Motion Design Basics

ANIM 350 - Animation Studio Project II (3.00)

Students will work in teams to create a digital animation project, synergizing skills learned in all Previous courses. Students will be exposed to the dynamics of teamwork and the importance of project management. This is an advancement of Animation Studio project I. Student will be expected to use advance techniques.

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

An upper-division interdisciplinary studio course offering unique core content that shifts from term to term. This studio affords students the opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and expand their notion of problem solving beyond their major in public site real world challenges. This course may be taken in either the fall or spring of the junior year. A limited choice of CAIL301 courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director. CAIL301 may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of the junior year

NSCI 307 - Natural Science Elective (3.00)

Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.

Senior**ANIM 420 - Des & Drawing for Animation III (3.00)**

Students will explore concepts through research, critical analysis, and brainstorming to create elements needed for conveying story. Design and Drawing Fundamentals III is a class that combines artistic exploration, perceptions, observations, personal narratives, and intuition to create new work. A series of stories and situations will provide both context and a point of departure for our projects.

ANIM 450 - Animation Senior Project I (3.00)

This course provides a practical introduction to skills for acquiring and keeping a job, as well as the processes for developing a final project. Class and professional critiques help students develop their work, while learning from the creative processes of their classmates. Students collect their work from drawing classes, their storyboards, and other parts of the creative process, to be used as windows into their personal working styles.

ANIM 470 - Animation Internship (3.00)

This course engages students to work with established companies that are related to their academic and career interests. The purpose of this course is to expose students to live workplace environments and expand networking resources. Students are expected to do well and represent Otis and the BFA animation program. At the end of the Internship, students will report on their experience through a sharing session. Students who wish to participate in the internship program need to submit updated resume, portfolios and websites. **Students need to apply for internship opportunities on their own or through career services. Approval of the Department Chair required.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

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LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Capstone experience is a required senior-level course designated to facilitate students' critical reflection on a topic that intersects with their own studio practice, discipline, and/or identity. As the signature course and culminating expression of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Department, the class design allows for independent research and private mentoring through Blended classes that meet synchronously online. The Capstone research process encourages students to apply the skills they've accrued during their time at Otis College to a project that can advance their understanding of their career path and chosen industry. A minimum grade of C- or better on the Capstone paper and course is required to pass.

MOTN 325 - Design Explorations (2.00)

Typography, color, shape, light, and more help make for effective motion design. Learn the fundamental principles of each of these and work on combining them to create effective motion design pieces

ANIM 451 - Animation Senior Project II (3.00)

Animation Senior Project II is a production class which takes students through the process of conceptualizing, proposing, planning and executing an original project. Students will learn how to deliver professional level work and deliver presentations to represent their work. Goal setting, scheduling, research, and expanding knowledge will be skills developed through the class. For the final project, each student will complete an original work or project and present it to members of the professional community. Goal: To create an original work and demo reel in a production environment.

ANIM 470 - Animation Internship (3.00)

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ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

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LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

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BFA IN ANIMATION

Our Mission

Animation students bring characters and stories to life through the magic of computer animation. Using a wide variety of techniques, from traditional 2D animation to 3D computer-generated imagery (CGI), students learn to develop narratives that evoke emotion and create the illusion of movement. Special emphasis is placed on critical thinking and problem-solving, technical and creative skills, as well as acting and business acumen.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Animation graduates will be able to:

- Collect, identify and analyze information to create elegant and innovative solutions in the development of animation content.
- Apply mastery of skills such as, story structure, animation principles and cinematography and filmmaking techniques to create, conceptualize, plan and organize for pre-production, production and post-production.
- Be self-directed, motivated, and adaptive in learning the latest techniques and tools to collect, identify and analyze information to create elegant and innovative solutions for the creation of digital media.
- Assume responsibility for collaboration in production work with diverse teams across multiple media disciplines and value the individual contributions made by each team member.
- Create social awareness and show compassion in using their content to give back to the community by understanding the impact of media and how it relates to and influences behaviors across cultures and global boundaries.
- Be able to communicate effectively to articulate their work and ideas while working with others in pursuit of a common goal.

Degree Requirements

All programs' curricula are developed in response to Program Learning Outcomes, which signify what students learn within a degree program or emphasis area. All program learning outcomes respond to overarching Institutional Learning Outcomes. View the BFA in Animation program learning outcomes here or request information.

Freshman

FNDT 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

FNDT 101 - Color and Design (3.00)

Students will create innovative and impactful designs by learning and applying essential elements including, line, shape, color, texture, space, balance, contrast, and rhythm. Utilizing digital and analog tools, students will engage in diverse design challenges, enhancing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as developing their visual literacy and communication abilities. Through this course, students will learn fundamental concepts relevant to today's creative industries, laying a solid foundation for further explorations

CAIL 102 - Contemp Studio & Creative Actn (3.00)

Students explore the built environment, analyzing its physical, spatial, and temporal elements. This course introduces students to art and design fundamentals, including scale, material, measurement, context, and function. They will explore innovative and sustainable solutions using fabrication, technology, studio labs, and joint activities with other classes. This course includes the Creative Action & Integrated Learning (CAIL) component, which encourages engagement with the city of Los Angeles. Students will participate in site visits, lectures, and relevant readings that highlight cultural, social, political, ecological, or economic aspects of responsive design. Throughout the course, students will also develop professionalism and collaboration skills.

AHCS 122 - Visual Culture 1 (3.00)

This introduction to visual culture will address the history of visual communication and the changes that visual culture has undergone up until the 19th century across geographical boundaries, while providing students with the tools to understand the visual culture of the present. The class will address formal analysis, the study and history of materials, techniques, and genres. Students will also learn the semiotic language of visual culture and the socio-cultural contexts framing the history of art, both in the past and present. This course will help students understand how visual objects reflect the cultural context in which they were originally produced and consumed, and how the meaning assigned to them changes over time. This will create bridges for the students to connect to the present visual culture while understanding that images are fluid signs which help create and maintain cultural, social, and political discourses.

ENGL 108 - Writing as Discovery (3.00)

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ANIM 220 - Design & Drawing for Animation I (3.00)

In this course students will learn how to apply research, critical analysis, brainstorming, and improvisational techniques to enhance a students' drawing capabilities with a focus on space and objects in space. Emphasis is on developing a basic understanding of, and familiarity with, perspective as a means of organizing space and defining a point of view. This course combines the exploration of how our minds work with hands-on, immersive, fun exercises utilizing our perceptions, observations, and senses to discover how each of us best create new work.

ANIM 230 - Animation Basics (3.00)

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ANIM 211 - 3D Fundamentals (3.00)

This course provides an overview of the tools and techniques used to produce digital art for animation. This includes 2D and 3D art assets, animation, sound and video. Upon completion of this module, students will gain a working knowledge of the common tools, techniques and terminologies used in the Digital Media industry.

ANIM 215 - Storyboarding and Pre-viz (3.00)

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This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

LIBS 214 - Sophomore LAS Elective (3.00)

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Junior**ANIM 320 - Design & Drawing for Animation II (3.00)**

This focuses on advance design concepts with an emphasis on creating memorable characters with interesting personalities & shapes to tell a story. The goal is to get students used to the idea of research and sketching from life or reference. Then apply the process of revisions to refine their designs in better serving the story. Students will practice draftsmanship to demonstrate the interplay of structure, anatomy, design, and expression in effective figures.

ANIM 340 - Acting for Animation (3.00)

This class will introduce acting techniques of the to enhance animation principles. Students will work on selected monologue and scene work, to utilize the different concepts learned. Scenes are extensively rehearsed and performed and students will receive critiques and adjustments from the lecturers and fellow students.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

SSCI 210 - Social Science (3.00)

Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

ANIM 332 - Advanced Animation (3.00)

In this course, students will expand their understanding of character animation and motion graphics using Maya 3d software as well as using traditional animation media. In addition to basic animation theory, the students will draw from and incorporate 2d elements into their projects using various techniques. Traditional design studies will be translated into 3d environments. Modeling, texturing and lighting techniques will also be explored. Students will complete a complex and unique final project that will be built upon the skills learned in class each week for their portfolio.

ANIM 350 - Animation Studio Project II (3.00)

Students will work in teams to create a digital animation project, synergizing skills learned in all Previous courses. Students will be exposed to the dynamics of teamwork and the importance of project management. This is an advancement of Animation Studio project I. Student will be expected to use advanced techniques.

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

An upper-division interdisciplinary studio course offering unique core content that shifts from term to term. This studio affords students the opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and expand their notion of problem solving beyond their major in public site real world challenges. This course may be taken in either the fall or spring of the junior year. A limited choice of CAIL301 courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director. CAIL301 may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of the junior year

NSCI 307 - Natural Science Elective (3.00)

Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

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Senior

ANIM 420 - Des & Drawing for Animation III (3.00)

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ANIM 450 - Animation Senior Project I (3.00)

This course provides a practical introduction to skills for acquiring and keeping a job, as well as the processes for developing a final project. Class and professional critiques help students develop their work, while learning from the creative processes of their classmates. Students collect their work from drawing classes, their storyboards, and other parts of the creative process, to be used as windows into their personal working styles.

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LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Capstone experience is a required senior-level course designated to facilitate students' critical reflection on a topic that intersects with their own studio practice, discipline, and/or identity. As the signature course and culminating expression of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Department, the class design allows for independent research and private mentoring through Blended classes that meet synchronously online. The Capstone research process encourages students to apply the skills they've accrued during their time at Otis College to a project that can advance their understanding of their career path and chosen industry. A minimum grade of C- or better on the Capstone paper and course is required to pass.

ANIM 445 - Animation Explorations (3.00)

In this course, students will focus on creating several animated pieces experimenting with multiple techniques with the dual purpose of telling stories and embracing the idea of play. In addition to completing assignments, students are expected to participate in group discussions and be present during in-class work sessions.

ANIM 451 - Animation Senior Project II (3.00)

Animation Senior Project II is a production class which takes students through the process of conceptualizing, proposing, planning and executing an original project. Students will learn how to deliver professional level work and deliver presentations to represent their work. Goal setting, scheduling, research, and expanding knowledge will be skills developed through the class. For the final project, each student will complete an original work or project and present it to members of the professional community. Goal: To create an original work and demo reel in a production environment.

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This course engages students to work with established companies that are related to their academic and career interests. The purpose of this course is to expose students to live workplace environments and expand networking resources. Students are expected to do well and represent Otis and the BFA animation program. At the end of the Internship, students will report on their experience through a sharing session. Students who wish to participate in

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LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

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BFA IN FASHION DESIGN

Our Mission

Students in our program work alongside expert, professional faculty and guest mentors, who are current and visible designers, to become educated and practiced in all aspects of the design process. Throughout their experience, students produce original designs and develop collections for their portfolio. In their Junior and Senior years, students have the opportunity to work in teams to create unique designs under the guidance of mentors, emulating professional designers and following the industry's seasonal schedule. Recent mentors for the Junior and Senior class have included NIKE, Patagonia, Rhude, Adidas, AG Jeans, ALC, Bally, Jason Wu, Jonathan Simkhai, Ralph Lauren, Universal Studios, Urban Outfitters, and Vince. Junior and Senior designs are featured at the annual Fashion Show.

The Fashion program will periodically team up with industry partners like award-winning Costume Designers akin to Ruth Carter, Trish Summerville and celebrity stylists such as B.Akerlund, to produce original designs and dynamic collections. Whenever possible, depending on mentors' availability, Juniors and Seniors will have a chance to work on targeted projects inspired by historical and cultural influences.

Program Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the program, students in the Fashion Design Department will be able to:

- Adapt their artistic abilities to support their future design careers.
- Develop a systematic, critical approach to problem-solving at all levels of the design process.
- Articulate design ideas verbally, visually, and digitally.
- Assess, propose, and apply various techniques related to drafting, draping, and constructing of garments.
- Relate the design process to the appropriate manufacturing process.
- Demonstrate professionalism by managing time to meet deadlines with quality work and effectively collaborating in teams.
- Research and relate fashion design to a broader socio-economic, historical, and environmental context.

Degree Requirements

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Freshman

FNDD 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

FNDD 101 - Color and Design (3.00)

Students will create innovative and impactful designs by learning and applying essential elements including, line, shape, color, texture, space, balance, contrast, and rhythm. Utilizing digital and analog tools, students will engage in diverse design challenges, enhancing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as developing their visual literacy and communication abilities. Through this course, students will learn fundamental concepts relevant to today's creative industries, laying a solid foundation for further explorations

CAIL 102 - Contemp Studio & Creative Actn (3.00)

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FNDD 103 - Exp Studio:Drawing (3.00)

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FNDD 104 - Exp Studio Dimensional Studies (3.00)

Dimensional Studies explores the tangible world, built environment, and object making. Courses are offered in a variety of mediums and investigate a range of topics including spatial analysis and thinking, material experimentation, form design, digital fabrication, hand skills, and building strategies while creating in 3 dimensional and 4-dimensional space. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

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Transmedia explores strategies for visual communication. A range of cross-disciplinary studio courses investigate multi-model applications for conveying bold ideas through form. Courses invite innovative approaches to contemporary media, strengthening fluency in design principles and cultural literacy. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDD 150 - Major Studio Elective (3.00)

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AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

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LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology: From Industrial Design to AI Media: Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

Sophomore

FSHD 214 - Sophomore Studio I (3.00)

Your journey into the fashion studio starts here! This on campus course introduces you to processes used in garment construction including draping, patternmaking and sewing. Beginning with these basic principles you will learn industry techniques to construct muslin garments, sewing samples, and paper patterns using industrial equipment. By the end of this course, you will have created a sample garment, paper patterns, a draped basic dress, and a sewing notebook to use for future courses.

FSHD 244 - Sophomore Fashion Design I (3.00)

Fashion Illustration is the language designers use to quickly express their ideas in a 2-dimensional format. This course introduces you to drawing techniques fashion designers use to show their thought process. You will draw clothes on the figure, as well as rendering techniques to communicate a variety of textiles. You will develop an understanding of garment construction through flat technical drawings. Throughout the course you will have completed multiple projects that highlight specific markets. Your semester will culminate in a resort-wear collection that will demonstrate your knowledge of design development, croquis sketches, composition/layout, and technical flats

FSHD 234 - Digital Design I (3.00)

Take your fashion croquis to the next level using Adobe Photoshop and a drawing tablet. In this online course you will learn how to render, make quick and easy color changes, and digitally drape fabric prints onto your fashion croquis. You will learn to create your own custom brushes to replicate elements like lace and stitching. Using drawing tools and filters you will develop fashion graphics and basic textile print designs to use in your work while learning digital terminology and professional practices. Mastering these tools will help you generate engaging mood-boards and professional fashion design presentations.

AHCS 234 - History of Costume (3.00)

A survey of costume from prehistory to the 21st century. A study of historical and social forces in understanding costume history, how costume influences today's fashions, how trends repeat themselves, and how the past functions as an aid in forecasting future fashion trends. Required for Fashion Design majors.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

FSHD 215 - Sophomore Studio II (3.00)

Diving deeper into techniques used for garment construction, this in-class course builds on the foundational knowledge of draping, pattern making and sewing acquired in Sophomore Studio I. You will construct and pattern increasingly complex garments using industry procedures and equipment. You will be challenged to interpret 3-dimensional design ideas through the creation of garments using fabrics that accurately reflect your sketches. During this course, you will create one garment of your own design, a full-size sample knit t-shirt, paper patterns, and complete a sewing notebook to use as reference for your career as a designer. Prerequisite: FSHD214 Sophomore Studio I

FSHD 245 - Sophomore Fashion Design II (3.00)

Fashion Design is communicated in a 2-dimensional format, a critical skill for professional fashion designers. This course introduces you to the design process, and what it means to follow a design direction. You will implement your drawing skills obtained in previous coursework to create fashion croquis (quick sketches) that express your design concepts. You will continue to explore croquis sketching and flats, while integrating your experience from Sophomore Studio I by creating sewing samples to support your 2-dimensional designs. During this course, you will complete two projects that will expand your understanding of fabric/color stories, research, and adequate execution of your designs in a 2-dimensional format. Your semester will culminate with an athletic inspired collection that will prepare you for your first Mentor Project at Junior level. Prerequisites: FSHD244 Sophomore Fashion Design I, FSHD214 Sophomore Studio I.

FSDH 235 - Digital Design II (3.00)

Introduction to Adobe Illustrator to draw flats/CADs is a requirement for anyone working in the fashion industry. In this online course, beginners will learn the tools and techniques needed to draw industry standard flats quickly and efficiently including digital terminology, professional workflow, and presentations. Throughout this course you will learn to create a custom brush library including specialty stitches, zippers, and trims. You will create a symbol library containing buttons, buttonholes, eyelets, rivets, bar tacks, and zipper pulls. These libraries along with custom templates, and graphic styles will be used to draw a range of different garment types including shirts, blazers, jackets, skirts, pants, jeans, denim jackets, turtleneck sweaters, and cardigans that you can build on in your professional career.

NSCI 315 - Textile Science (3.00)

Study fibers, yarns, knit construction and acquire a practical understanding of how each affects the appearance and performance of the textile product. Knit swatches using a variety of stitches, combining yarns of varying gauges. Other topics include dyeing, printing, and finishes as processes that affect the aesthetic appeal of the finished product, and as functional finishes which enhance performance. The impact of these processes and issues of sustainability are examined as they relate to the cultivation and production of fibers. Learn to make fabric choices based on an understanding of the woven structure and knowledge of individual fabric properties. Required textbook: Fabric for Fashion: The Swatch Book, Second Edition, by Clive Hallett & Amanda Johnston. Required for Fashion Design majors. Lab Fee: \$30

LIBS 210 - Contemporary Fashion Issues (3.00)

Fashion is a cultural and social phenomenon that involves us all. The most visible form of consumption and most relevant form of non-verbal communication, fashion is also a representation and objectification of our identity, enabling and supporting social roles and structures. It accords us individuality while validating our group belongings. It is, in short, a fascinating and befuddling aspect of human history, and one that deserves attention. This course aims at promoting an understanding of the most pressing issues in the field of fashion. It examines fashion theories, trends, and culture from the early 20th century to the present through the lenses of globalism, gender identity, diversity, environmental concerns, labor injustice, and ethical issues. This course will familiarize students with the recent revolutions, present condition, and possible future scenarios in the fashion world. Students will be encouraged to question the conventional assumptions of fashion history, particularly as they determined the current crisis. Selected topics will include: the early development of the fashion industry and mid-century democratization of dress, the fashion revolutions at the end of last millennium, the phenomenon of fast fashion and the environmental crisis it caused – including current research and future trends.

Junior**FSDH 314 - Junior Studio I (6.00)**

Knowledge of construction is crucial for becoming a successful fashion designer. This on-campus course focuses on everything related to the moderately priced market. You will construct different types of garments through in-person demonstrations, instructional videos, and step-by-step pictorial manuals. Along the process, you will also learn how to create treatment samples for your Mentor Projects. Woven pants, a Bomber jacket, and a swimsuit are a few projects you will develop. You will also complete a bustier in cotton twill by draping, pattern making, fitting, and sewing, using intermediate-level industry methods. This project parallels the production process used in the fashion industry. You will also learn how to generate spec sheets and cost sheets, and how to incorporate them into a basic design technical packet (Tech Pack) digitally. Prerequisite: FSDH215 Sophomore Studio II, Co-requisite: FSDH344 Junior Fashion Design I

FSDH 344 - Junior Fashion Studio I (3.00)

Clothing centered around streetwear, dress and performance markets is accessible to every consumer of that division at the moderate price-level. This course introduces you to your first Mentor project with focus on the Junior market. Using fashion forecast resources, this course enables you to create fabric stories, garment construction and fashion croquis. You will have the opportunity to work with industry designers, with possibility for a sustainability project. By the end of the course, you will produce a collection, including fabric stories with surface treatments and industry level flat sketches to present to your Mentor during sketch selection. You will produce your top design selected by the Mentor in Junior Studio II class. Prerequisite: FSDH245 Sophomore Fashion Design II, Co-requisite: FSDH314 Junior Studio I

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

An upper-division interdisciplinary studio course offering unique core content that shifts from term to term. This studio affords students the opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and expand their notion of problem solving beyond their major in public site real world challenges. This course may be taken in either the fall or spring of the junior year. A limited choice of CAIL301 courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director. CAIL301 may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of the junior year

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

FSDH 315 - Junior Studio II (6.00)

Transform your own designs from 2-dimensional drawings to real-life garments. This on-campus course allows you to apply the skills and knowledge you've acquired while continuing to explore more advanced draping and pattern-making techniques. You will approach the mentor project by following the same methods used in the fashion industry, developing a work calendar, and incorporating your treatment samples made in Junior Studio I into your selected design. You will also create a more advanced Tech Pack based on the mentor project which mirrors the requirements of the fashion industry. There are also opportunities for advanced draping exercises. The final project focuses on constructing a pair of pants inspired by one of your own. Prerequisites: FSDH314 Junior Studio I, FSDH344 Junior Fashion Design I

FSDH 345 - Junior Fashion Design II (3.00)

Self-expression and a focus on your individual design aesthetic is a key element to becoming a good fashion designer. Through this course, you will develop your own design concepts for a series of design competitions focused on the contemporary market. This opportunity allows you to compete in the world with other designers and enables you to gain both exposure and scholarship funds. There will be opportunities for a sustainable project if you so desire. By the end of this course, you will have designed two collections for a contemporary market, a sketch book, fabric stories with treatments and designer level flat sketches aimed at preparing you for an internship in the fashion industry. Prerequisite: FSDH344 Junior Fashion Design I

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

AHCS 224 - Theories and Trends (3.00)

This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

Senior

FSHD 414 - Senior Studio I (6.00)

The global contemporary Fashion Market is growing at an unprecedented rate. This on-campus course introduces you to construction techniques used by the industry. You will learn about tailoring techniques needed to construct a classic tailored jacket. In preparation for your Senior Mentor Project, your instructors will guide you to drape, draft a pattern and sew a finished garment. Through these projects you will come to understand the handling and construction of diverse fabrics and experiment with hand-sewing techniques. By the end of the course, you will create a classic tailored jacket and a Mentor-guided look of your own design. Prerequisite: FSHD315 Junior Studio II; Co-requisite: FSHD444 Senior Fashion Design

FSHD 444 - Senior Fashion Design (3.00)

Senior students design apparel for Mentor Projects representing the designer/contemporary markets. Working with designers following the fashion industry's seasonal schedule, students design contemporary clothes in better fabrics and finishing techniques. Students learn how to sketch their ideas to capture a look appropriate to the project, develop technical flats using analog and digital methods and create fabric boards with advanced fabric treatments. This course will culminate in a contemporary men's and women's collection. Prerequisite: FSHD345 Junior Fashion Design II; Co-requisite: FSHD414 Senior Studio I

LIBS 414 - Business of Fashion (3.00)

Assuming a position in the Fashion industry requires business knowledge necessary for merchandising, product development, marketing, creative presentations and sales. Through lectures by industry professionals, this online class provides an overview of the apparel manufacturing process outside the realm of the design room, and the marketing partnership of wholesale manufacturers and retailers. The semester begins with professional practice protocols and job search strategies in preparation for successful entry into the workplace. Required for Fashion Design majors.

LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Capstone experience is a required senior-level course designated to facilitate students' critical reflection on a topic that intersects with their own studio practice, discipline, and/or identity. As the signature course and culminating expression of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Department, the class design allows for independent research and private mentoring through Blended classes that meet synchronously online. The Capstone research process encourages students to apply the skills they've accrued during their time at Otis College to a project that can advance their understanding of their career path and chosen industry. A minimum grade of C- or better on the Capstone paper and course is required to pass.

FSHD 415 - Senior Studio II (6.00)

Turning your 2-Dimensional design into a 3D garment entails precise construction methods. This on-campus course further engages you in the 3-D interpretation and completion of your original designs developed for Mentor Projects. You will perform intermediate applications of draping, pattern drafting, classic tailoring, and sewing techniques for a contemporary label that could include an eveningwear project. You will develop and abide by strict timelines during professional fittings. By the end of the course, you will complete an original designer-level creation, work independently within the context of a professional working environment. Prerequisites: FSHD414 Senior Studio I, FSHD444 Senior Fashion Design.

FSHD 445 - Senior Portfolio (3.00)

The Fashion Portfolio is the apparatus used to showcase the skills you've acquired as a designer to prospective employers. Students develop professional Portfolios, targeting a specific market in the fashion industry, and produce four collections to that end, each including a concept board, color story, fabric and treatment developments, fashion drawings and technical flats. A Tech Pack developed in Junior Studio is included. This course concludes with a Senior Exhibit Portfolio Review where industry representatives and recruiters provide insightful critique of portfolios and potential job offers. Prerequisite: FSHD444 Senior Fashion Design

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.

SSCI 210 - Social Science (3.00)

Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

BFA IN FINE ARTS: PAINTING

Our Mission

Contemporary artists use their talent, imagination, and skill to create works of art that add beauty and richness to the world. They produce work for a vast global network of museums, commercial art galleries, publicly funded arts organizations, and artist-run spaces. Taught by a faculty of active professional artists, students in Fine Arts delve into each of the core disciplines—Painting, Sculpture/New Genres, and Photography—before selecting an area of emphasis.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students in the Fine Arts Department will:

- Formulate questions and ideas clearly and precisely based on relevant information and research and to come to well-reasoned conclusions and solutions. Students will develop the ability to think open-mindedly with the ability to consider alternative systems of thought that challenge received notions and social cultural bias.
- Effectively express abstract concepts in concrete form.
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Sophomore

PNTG 204 - Painting I (3.00)

This is a hands-on investigation of technical and formal issues in painting (oil, acrylic, and mixed media), focusing on developing technical abilities in collaboration with concepts and exploration of different methods of achieving visual "dexterity." Offered fall semester only

PHOT 204 - Photography I (3.00)

This course introduces students to the technical, aesthetic, and conceptual aspects of the medium of photography. Basic skills, including digital and analog (film) camera operation, the fundamentals of image exposure, black-and-white film processing, black-and-white and digital color printing, and basic

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presentation techniques, are covered in regular lab sessions. Group critiques, slide lectures, and field trips help students to develop a critical vocabulary. Offered fall semester only

SCNG 204 - Sculpture/New Genres I (3.00)

An introduction to the history and practice of sculpture and new genres (new art forms that use time and space). Students are introduced to technical and contemplative approaches to commanding space and material to produce meaningful objects, events, or places. Technical instruction covers introductory use of wood and metal shops (including digital 3D printer), adhesives and joinery, basic mold making and casting, as well as contemporary new genres forms such as performance and installation art. Offered in Fall semester only.

FINA 217 - Digital Media (3.00)

Digital Media is an introductory course in new media – exposing students to a wide range of digital art-making practices while providing the technical fundamentals that enable students to begin integrating digital methods in their respective practices. The course consists of lectures, demonstrations, and computer lab experience. Particular attention is placed on balancing technical skills with creative content and experimental approaches. We will explore the evolution of new media and the corresponding social and cultural impact. The core software is Adobe Premiere, InDesign and Photoshop.

AHCS 237 - Sophomore Seminar: Global Ar (3.00)

With diversity and equity at its core, Sophomore Seminar engages the western and non-western philosophical canons as a way to critique and de-center eurocentrism, white privilege, ableism, misogyny, patriarchy, systemic racism, power and exclusion at the very root of Western culture. The class asks the following: How do officialized and unspoken philosophies or worldviews shape our most essential and normalized standards/canons of beauty, value, "truth," as well as produce our centuries old privileges and prejudices? Who/what is advanced by these entrenched ideas; who is excluded? Who are the non-dominant but powerful voices that oppose philosophical givens? This is an interconnected two-semester class. Sophomore Seminar 1 introduces key concepts in ancient and modern, European, and non-western philosophical systems, to trace the impact of these ideas on current art, thought and racial/gendered biases. Then Sophomore Seminar 2 critically considers contemporary theorists, non-western and LGBT creatives who challenge the classical and modern philosophical canons covered in Soph Sem I. In both courses/semesters, students learn to evaluate the ideological impact of power, gender, economics, and social class on social and artistic norms.

AHCS 226 - FA Contemporary Art Survey (3.00)

This is a survey of contemporary fine art on a global stage. Required for All Fine Arts majors and Art History, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture/ New Genres minors.

PNTG 214 - Painting II (3.00)

Intermediate painting course integrates intellectual and technical ability with historical, contemporary, and personal strategies. Emphasis is on the exposure to and analysis of contemporary painting through visual presentations, lectures, and the practical application of painting as a medium, both in technique and material

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Junior

FINA 374 - Studio III (3.00)

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Senior**FINA 474 - Senior Studio I (6.00)**

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- Have an awareness of current professional standards in their chosen media and in the larger field of contemporary art as well as the ability to effectively meet those standards.

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Sophomore

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PHOT 214 - Photography II (3.00)

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PHOT 230 - Lighting Studio I (3.00)

This course introduces students to basic studio skills and lighting applications as well as digital and film formats, on-camera flash, LED, tungsten and strobe lighting, lighting modifiers such as soft-boxes, umbrellas, reflectors, and flags, as well as an in-depth exploration of genres such as portraiture, still life, and location shooting. Students will learn to develop their own lighting design and develop a critical understanding of lighting and its functions within a commercial and a fine art context. Required for Photography Emphasis. Offered spring semester only

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An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

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LIBS 238 - Soph SemII:DEI Globl Art Cultr (3.00)

With diversity and equity at its core, Sophomore Seminar engages the western and non-western philosophical canons as a way to critique and de-center eurocentrism, white privilege, ableism, misogyny, patriarchy, systemic racism, power and exclusion at the very root of Western culture. The class asks the following: How do officialized and unspoken philosophies or worldviews shape our most essential and normalized standards/canons of beauty, value, "truth," as well as produce our centuries old privileges and prejudices? Who/what is advanced by these entrenched ideas; who is excluded? Who are the non-dominant but powerful voices that oppose philosophical givens? This is an interconnected two-semester class. Sophomore Seminar 1 introduces key concepts in ancient and modern, European, and non-western philosophical systems, to trace the impact of these ideas on current art, thought and racial/gendered biases. Then Sophomore Seminar 2 critically considers contemporary theorists, non-western and LGBT creatives who challenge the classical and modern philosophical canons covered in Soph Sem I. In both courses/semesters, students learn to evaluate the ideological impact of power, gender, economics, and social class on social and artistic norms.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

Junior

FINA 374 - Studio III (3.00)

This advanced studio course allows students to learn advanced methods, materials, and techniques in painting, photography, and sculpture/new genres and accomplish advanced projects with the guidance of faculty. The course is also a welcoming place for students and faculty to exchange artistic and cultural attitudes, beliefs, and assumptions to develop together a more open-minded and generative approach to our artmaking and the evaluation of the works of other artists. Attending the Visiting Artist Lecture Series is required. Offered fall semester only.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

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SSCI 210 - Social Science (3.00)

Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

FINA 375 - Studio IV (3.00)

This production-oriented advanced studio course emphasizes concepts, processes, and visual strategies toward developing an individual studio practice across the three main disciplines. Critiques, seminars, and individual meetings provide insight into contemporary discourses and practices while helping students find the working methods that best suit them. Attending the Visiting Artist Lecture Series is required. Offered spring semester only

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

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NSCI 307 - Natural Science Elective (3.00)

Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

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Senior**FINA 474 - Senior Studio I (6.00)**

Each student is given their own studio and works with a group of faculty mentors to develop a body of work. Critiques, individual meetings with mentors, visiting artists and critics, and group exhibitions expand students' knowledge base while focusing their practice. Attending the Visiting Artist Lecture Series is required. Offered fall semester only.

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LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

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FINA 475 - Senior Studio II (6.00)

This course is devoted to completing a cohesive body of work culminating in the building and mounting of the senior exhibition. Students continue independent studio practices, discussions, and critiques with mentors, peers, visiting artists, and critics. This course addresses issues that prepare students for a life in art. Attending the Visiting Artist Lecture Series is required. Offered spring semester only.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

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BFA IN GAME AND ENTERTAINMENT DESIGN

Our Mission

The Game and Entertainment Design curriculum combines both technical and artistic coursework that covers the visual development, analytical, and technical skills necessary to work within the Game and Real-time Development industry pipeline

Program Learning Outcomes:

- **Creative Thinking and Problem-Solving:** Game and Entertainment Design graduates will be able to engage in applied research, demonstrate proficiency with current tools and techniques, identify, analyze, and synthesize information to produce elegant and innovative solutions in the creation of real-time experiences.
- **Professional Skill Proficiency:** Game and Entertainment Design graduates will create work in the area of concept art, computer graphics content creation, Engine integration and comprehension, and Game oriented narrative. The skills developed will reflect the current industry standards.
- **Collaboration:** Game and Entertainment Design graduates will be able to assume responsibility for collaborative production with diverse teams across multiple media disciplines and value the individual contributions made by each team member.
- **Social Responsibility:** Game and Entertainment Design students will be able to create social awareness and show compassion using their content to give back to the community by understanding the impact of media and how it relates and influences behaviors across cultures and global boundaries.
- **Communication & Presentation:** Game and Entertainment Design graduates will be able to communicate effectively articulate their work and ideas while working with others in pursuit of a common goal.
- **Information Literacy:** Game and Entertainment Design graduates will be able to demonstrate applied research that is focused and ethical in practice to achieve designed goals.

Degree Requirements

All programs' curricula are developed in response to Program Learning Outcomes, which signify what students learn within a degree program or emphasis area. All program learning outcomes respond to overarching Institutional Learning Outcomes. View the BFA in Game and Entertainment Design program learning outcomes here or request information.

Freshman**FNDT 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)**

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

FNDT 101 - Color and Design (3.00)

Students will create innovative and impactful designs by learning and applying essential elements including, line, shape, color, texture, space, balance, contrast, and rhythm. Utilizing digital and analog tools, students will engage in diverse design challenges, enhancing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as developing their visual literacy and communication abilities. Through this course, students will learn fundamental concepts relevant to today's creative industries, laying a solid foundation for further explorations

CAIL 102 - Contemp Studio & Creative Actn (3.00)

Students explore the built environment, analyzing its physical, spatial, and temporal elements. This course introduces students to art and design fundamentals, including scale, material, measurement, context, and function. They will explore innovative and sustainable solutions using fabrication, technology, studio labs, and joint activities with other classes. This course includes the Creative Action & Integrated Learning (CAIL) component, which encourages engagement with the city of Los Angeles. Students will participate in site visits, lectures, and relevant readings that highlight cultural, social, political, ecological, or economic aspects of responsive design. Throughout the course, students will also develop professionalism and collaboration skills.

AHCS 122 - Visual Culture 1 (3.00)

This introduction to visual culture will address the history of visual communication and the changes that visual culture has undergone up until the 19th century across geographical boundaries, while providing students with the tools to understand the visual culture of the present. The class will address formal analysis, the study and history of materials, techniques, and genres. Students will also learn the semiotic language of visual culture and the socio-cultural contexts framing the history of art, both in the past and present. This course will help students understand how visual objects reflect the cultural context in which they were originally produced and consumed, and how the meaning assigned to them changes over time. This will create bridges for the students to connect to the present visual culture while understanding that images are fluid signs which help create and maintain cultural, social, and political discourses.

ENGL 108 - Writing as Discovery (3.00)

How does the world influence you, and how do you influence the world? In this class, you will discover narratives and other texts that reveal the complexity of your identity. You will apply that understanding to a broader exploration of the necessity of empathy in navigating difference in today's global society. You will be invited to turn your curiosity into a research question about a topic that captures your interest. By the end of the semester, you will have completed a personal narrative, learned how to critically analyze diverse texts, and developed research techniques that will be valuable during your academic career and beyond. You will continue to hone these skills in a specialized Thought Lab 2 course of your choosing during your second semester. A minimum grade of "C-" is required to pass this course. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL090 or placement through the Writing Placement Assessment.

FNDD 103 - Exp Studio:Drawing (3.00)

These drawing courses are designed to support students in preparation for their chosen majors. Students will experiment with various materials and mediums while exploring a broad spectrum of approaches to drawing as an active form of thinking, seeing, and understanding. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDD 104 - Exp Studio Dimensional Studies (3.00)

Dimensional Studies explores the tangible world, built environment, and object making. Courses are offered in a variety of mediums and investigate a range of topics including spatial analysis and thinking, material experimentation, form design, digital fabrication, hand skills, and building strategies while creating in 3 dimensional and 4-dimensional space. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDD 105 - Exp Studio Transmedia (3.00)

Transmedia explores strategies for visual communication. A range of cross-disciplinary studio courses investigate multi-model applications for conveying bold ideas through form. Courses invite innovative approaches to contemporary media, strengthening fluency in design principles and cultural literacy. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDD 150 - Major Studio Elective (3.00)

See schedule of courses for specific course offerings. Introductory courses focusing topics within a specific studio department.

AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

Planned as a continuation of Visual Culture 1, Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power & Modernity offers a transparent chronology to continue but deepen an investigation of art, design and world perspectives from roughly 1800 to 1960 -- years loosely associated with "modernisms." It explores Western and non-Western, dominant, and marginalized histories during this proposed 200-year time frame, broadening and reinforcing first-year students' historical awareness, while de-centering dominant canons. Visual Culture 2 uses multi-cultural artifacts, readings, seminar-like discussions and experiential collaborations to explore and critically analyze key works and key themes like colonialism, structural racism, xenophobia, industrialization, technology, capitalism and consumerism from multiple perspectives. By the end of the semester, students should have the necessary critical tools to become empathic citizen-artists who can engage an equitable, transglobal, diasporic, technically creative and environmentally demanding present and future.

LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology: From Industrial Design to AI Media: Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

Sophomore

GAME 200 - Game Design I (3.00)

A foundational understanding of the basics of game designing for various platforms like PCs, laptops, mobiles, TVs, and tablets. The course teaches students the technical skills required for creating games, including industry pipelines to make real-time development projects, team positions, and tools.

GAME 220 - Design & Drawing for Game I (3.00)

This 15-week Design and Drawing for Games course covers the fundamentals of game art and design, Props and Assets, character and environment design, storytelling, worldbuilding, animation, and portfolio development. Students will learn to create 2D and 3D game assets, design game characters and environments, translate game scripts, and develop a personal brand for their game design portfolio. The course includes a mid-term project, where students will create a concept art package for a game character or environment, and a final project where students will design a game level or world that includes a narrative, environment design, character design, and animation, and present it in the form of a pitch package with a playable demo or video walkthrough. By the end of the course, students will have the skills and knowledge to prepare for a career in game art and design.

GAME 260 - 3D for Game & Entertainment I (3.00)

In 3D for Games and Entertainment, students will learn the basics of game art design. Using software such as Maya, Blender, Substance Painter, and Photoshop. The course includes topics such as creating and manipulating 3D models, applying textures and materials, designing game environments, and basic principles of lighting and shading. The course also covers intermediate 3D game art modeling, Unreal Engine, advanced texturing and surfacing, set dressing and lighting, and a final project that involves developing a small area of a game or game experience using Unreal Engine. Students will gain a solid foundation in game art design and CG content creation and will have the opportunity to apply their skills in creating a game art environment or game experience.

AHCS 229 - Art History of Game Design (3.00)

This course provides an overview of the history of video games, tracing their evolution from their early beginnings to the present day. Through a combination of lectures, readings, discussions, and hands-on experiences, students will explore the social, cultural, and technological factors that have shaped the development of video games. Topics covered in the course include: The Origins of Video Games: The course will begin with an overview of the early history of video games, including the development of the first electronic games, such as Spacewar!, and the emergence of arcade games in the 1970s. Iconic Games: The course will examine some of the most iconic and influential video games in history, such as Pac-Man, Super Mario Bros., and Doom. Students will analyze the gameplay mechanics, cultural impact, and historical significance of these games. Landmark Companies: The course will also explore the companies that have played a significant role in the development of video games, such as Atari, Nintendo, and Sony. Students will learn about the business strategies, marketing tactics, and technological innovations that enabled these companies to succeed in the industry. Innovative Technology and Hardware: The course will delve into the technological advancements that have driven the evolution of video games, such as the introduction of 3D graphics, motion controls, and virtual reality. Students will also examine the hardware platforms that have enabled video games to become increasingly sophisticated and immersive. By the end of the course, students will have gained a comprehensive understanding of the history of video games and the cultural impact they have had on society. They will be able to analyze and critically evaluate video games as a form of media, and understand the challenges and opportunities facing the video game industry today.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

GAME 210 - Game Engine Fundamentals (3.00)

The Game Engine Fundamentals course is a 15-week program that is divided into five main areas of study. The first part of the course introduces students to game engines, their history, types, and architecture, which includes scene management and rendering pipelines. The second part delves into asset management, importing assets, resource management, and guides students in creating a simple game. The third part covers physics, collision detection and response, as well as input methods such as keyboard, mouse, and touch input. The fourth part focuses on cross-platform development, API abstraction, platform-specific optimizations, and advanced rendering techniques, such as lighting, shading, and post-processing effects. The fifth and final part explores advanced physics, audio implementation, and optimization techniques such as profiling, debugging, and performance tuning, culminating in a final project where students apply their knowledge in creating their own game using the game engine.

GAME 215 - Color and Lighting for Games (3.00)

This course on Color and Lighting for Games covers the fundamentals of color theory and lighting techniques as they relate to game development. The course is broken down into five topics: Fundamentals of Color Theory, Lighting Techniques, Color and Mood, Dynamic Lighting Effects, and Case Studies and Best Practices. Throughout the course, students will learn how to use color and lighting effectively in game design, through assignments and projects that reinforce their learning and allow them to apply the techniques and concepts discussed in class. By the end of the course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of color and lighting for games, and a portfolio of work showcasing their skills in this area.

GAME 250 - Game Studio Project I (3.00)

Students will work solo to create a real-time development project, synergizing skills learned in all previous courses. Students will be exposed to the self-management and importance of project management in a controlled environment

AHCS 224 - Theories and Trends (3.00)

This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

LIBS 214 - Sophomore LAS Elective (3.00)

These courses introduce students to special topics in the liberal arts and sciences that can inspire them to explore new intellectual and creative pathways more deeply. Course offerings vary by semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings

Junior**GAME 300 - Game Design II (3.00)**

In this course, students continue their journey into real-time development. Students are introduced to other applications for the Unreal Game engine outside of games. Students will be introduced to basic blueprints, character and animation implementation, and tools and plugins to help create experiences that will bring their projects to life. Students will complete a complex and unique final project that will be built upon the skills learned in class each week for their portfolio.

GAME 320 - Cultural & Social Des for Game (3.00)

This course will focus on the cultural and social aspects of game through the history of games. Students will explore the impact of games on social demographics and cultural events. Students will take this information and learn to create their own characters and worlds based on their research and analysis. This class is a co-requisite of the SSCI LAS requirement: Cultural and Social Design for Games

GAME 332 - VFX for Games (3.00)

This 15-week VFX course for games using Unreal Engine and Houdini is divided into five topics. In the first three weeks, students will learn the fundamentals of VFX creation in Unreal Engine, including an introduction to Niagara, Unreal's VFX system, and basic workflows in Houdini. In weeks four to six, they will explore advanced techniques for controlling particle behavior and creating complex VFX using both Unreal Engine and Houdini. Weeks seven to nine focus on lighting and post-processing effects, while weeks ten to twelve cover creating VFX for different types of games. The final three weeks are dedicated to a hands-on project, where students will apply the concepts and techniques covered in the course to create a custom VFX sequence using Unreal Engine, Houdini, and Niagara. The course will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of VFX workflows and techniques for games, as well as practical experience creating VFX sequences for different genres of games.

SSCI 213 - Cultural & Social Des for Game (3.00)

Welcome to the Cultural and Social Design for Games course! This course explores the profound social and cultural impact of video games. We'll delve into the social aspects of game design and games, analyzing how games shape our interactions, communities, and identities. Through case studies, we'll examine the rise of online multiplayer games and esports, discussing their influence on social relationships, inclusivity, and diversity. We will also focus on the cultural dimensions of games. We'll explore the diverse cultural influences and representations within games, addressing topics like race, gender, sexuality, and ethnicity. By critically analyzing these elements, we'll discuss issues of representation, cultural appropriation, and the potential for games to challenge stereotypes. Ultimately, this course equips you with a deep understanding of the social and cultural impact of video games, providing the tools to analyze games from a cultural and social perspective. Join us as we embark on this captivating journey into the world of Cultural and Social Design for Games! Required of all Game and Entertainment Design majors.

MATH 247 - Programming/Scripting for Game (3.00)

This course is your gateway to the realm of game development, focusing on the programming and scripting aspects using the powerful Unreal Engine. Dive into the fundamentals of game programming, exploring programming languages, logic, and syntax. Learn to write scripts that control gameplay mechanics, implement AI, and create interactive elements. Through hands-on exercises, you'll gain practical experience and master debugging techniques to ensure smooth game performance. In the second part of the course, we'll delve deeper into the Unreal Engine and its scripting language, Blueprint. Unlock the potential of Blueprint's node-based system to create visually stunning and highly interactive games. Discover event-driven programming and object-oriented design to craft complex behaviors. Through engaging projects, you'll design game mechanics, create user interfaces, and integrate audio-visual effects. By the end, you'll have a solid foundation in programming and scripting for games using the Unreal Engine. Unleash your creativity into Programming/Scripting for Games, empowering you to bring your game ideas to life! Required of all Game and Entertainment Design majors.

GAME 360 - 3D for Game & Entertainment II (3.00)

The 3D for Game and Entertainment II course is a 15-week program that focuses on character modeling, hero piece asset creation, advanced material/PBR creation, texturing and UV mapping, character prop creation, lighting, rendering, and portfolio presentation. Students will learn the fundamentals of character modeling, including anatomy, topology, and sculpting techniques, and create a simple character model based on provided concept art. They will also create hero piece assets, learn advanced material and physically based rendering techniques, texture the models using industry-standard software, and create character props such as weapons, tools, or accessories. The course will culminate in a portfolio review and presentation.

GAME 350 - Game Studio Project II (3.00)

For Game Studio Project II, students will work in teams to develop a game experience using the principles and techniques learned in all prior courses. The project will be developed in Unreal Engine and will be a more complex and ambitious experience than the solo project in Game Studio Course I. Students will be required to work collaboratively and use best practices in project management, version control, and QA. The group project will be presented during the last week of the course, where each team will showcase their game to the class. Additionally, throughout the course, students will be encouraged to build a portfolio of their work and incorporate it into their résumé. By the end of the course, students will have a solid understanding of advanced game design principles, programming and game mechanics, game art and sound design, project management and collaboration, and portfolio creation for game development.

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

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Senior

GAME 460 - 3D for Game & Entertainment III (3.00)

3D for Game Entertainment III is a 15-week course focused on teaching students about pipelines for level assembly, optimization, and workflows to take their game projects to a final status. The course will be divided into 5 topics: Introduction to Game Entertainment III, Level Assembly, Optimization, Workflows, and Finalizing and Presenting. Throughout the course, students will learn about game development processes, level design, optimization techniques, workflow management, and adding finishing touches to their games. The course aims to equip students with the necessary skills to present their projects in a professional manner and succeed in the gaming industry.

GAME 450 - Game Senior Project I (3.00)

Game Senior Project I is a 15-week course that focuses on creating a real-time development project that meets the criteria for a Senior show and creating work for a high-level portfolio. The course is divided into five sections, with the first section focusing on project planning and proposal, the second section focusing on project design and development, the third section focusing on project testing and refinement, the fourth section focusing on portfolio creation, and the fifth section focusing on networking and final presentations. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to establish mentors and maintain a professional network to accomplish their goals. By the end of the course, students will have developed a real-time project, refined it based on user feedback, and created work for a high-level portfolio while establishing a professional network.

GAME 470 - Game Internship (3.00)

The 15-week Game Internship course is divided into two parts. The first part, spanning weeks 1-7, focuses on establishing networks within the internship. Students will learn about professionalism, networking, communication skills, goal setting, time management, and professional development. In the second part, spanning weeks 8-15, students will focus on creating a portfolio that includes work and experience from the internship. They will learn about portfolio basics, content, presentation, and review. The course will culminate in a final sharing session where students will present their portfolios and share their experiences and lessons learned during the internship, receiving feedback and support from their peers and faculty.

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GAME 445 - Technical Game Arts (3.00)

The Technical Game Art class is a 15-week course divided into five topics that introduce Real-time Development experiences, including In Camera VFX (ICVFX), AR/VR, Virtual Production, and project integration tools. The course begins with an overview of the industry, followed by deep dives into ICVFX, AR/VR, and Virtual Production, covering their principles, technical aspects, and software tools. The final topic brings everything together by applying the learned knowledge to a project, exploring project management techniques and collaboration tools to ensure a successful outcome. By the end of the course, students will have gained a strong foundation in Real-time Development experiences and experience using industry-standard tools, which will benefit their future careers in the gaming or film industry.

GAME 451 - Game Senior Project II (3.00)

Game Senior Project II is a 15-week course that builds upon the skills learned in Game Senior Project I. The course is divided into five sections, with the first section focusing on advanced project development, the second section focusing on project testing and iteration, the third section focusing on multiplayer and online game development, the fourth section focusing on game business and marketing, and the fifth section focusing on final project presentation and industry networking. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to establish mentors and maintain a professional network to accomplish their goals. By the end of the course, students will have developed a more advanced real-time project, refined it based on user feedback, learned about advanced game development techniques such as multiplayer and online gameplay, and established relationships with industry professionals.

GAME 470 - Game Internship (3.00)

The 15-week Game Internship course is divided into two parts. The first part, spanning weeks 1-7, focuses on establishing networks within the internship. Students will learn about professionalism, networking, communication skills, goal setting, time management, and professional development. In the second part, spanning weeks 8-15, students will focus on creating a portfolio that includes work and experience from the internship. They will learn about portfolio basics, content, presentation, and review. The course will culminate in a final sharing session where students will present their portfolios and share their experiences and lessons learned during the internship, receiving feedback and support from their peers and faculty.

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LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

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BFA IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

Our Mission

The major in Graphic Design offers a culturally rich learning experience focused on creating effective and arresting visual communication across a wide range of digital and analog media. Students are challenged to research, develop, and refine projects that create meaning through image-making and typographic form. Graphic Design majors learn to understand and create visual systems, tell complex stories, and build compelling user experiences and interfaces. They develop skills and fluency with digital, analog, and conceptual tools that embrace and evolve with technology.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students majoring in Graphic Design will:

- Engage and utilize past and present theories and histories while evidencing professional mastery of relevant methodologies, skills, and tools applied to a broad range of media.
- Cultivate, model, and continuously improve confidence in one's communication skills, including listening, writing, empathizing, negotiating, presenting, critiquing, and reflecting
- Define, iterate, and evaluate solutions for problems using a forward-thinking and reflective studio practice.
- Apply purposeful risk taking designed to produce content, concepts, and formal outcomes that feed personal passions and professional growth with the aim of positively impacting the future of humanity.
- Demonstrate best professional practices, including editing and presentation of work, networking, time management, project planning, budgeting, and collaboration.
- Actively seek out and utilize cross-disciplinary studies and extracurricular activities so as to grow as a well-rounded artist and engaged citizen of the world.

Degree Requirements

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Freshman

FNDD 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

FNDD 101 - Color and Design (3.00)

Students will create innovative and impactful designs by learning and applying essential elements including, line, shape, color, texture, space, balance, contrast, and rhythm. Utilizing digital and analog tools, students will engage in diverse design challenges, enhancing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as developing their visual literacy and communication abilities. Through this course, students will learn fundamental concepts relevant to today's creative industries, laying a solid foundation for further explorations

CAIL 102 - Contemp Studio & Creative Actn (3.00)

Students explore the built environment, analyzing its physical, spatial, and temporal elements. This course introduces students to art and design fundamentals, including scale, material, measurement, context, and function. They will explore innovative and sustainable solutions using fabrication, technology, studio labs, and joint activities with other classes. This course includes the Creative Action & Integrated Learning (CAIL) component, which encourages engagement with the city of Los Angeles. Students will participate in site visits, lectures, and relevant readings that highlight cultural, social, political, ecological, or economic aspects of responsive design. Throughout the course, students will also develop professionalism and collaboration skills.

AHCS 122 - Visual Culture 1 (3.00)

This introduction to visual culture will address the history of visual communication and the changes that visual culture has undergone up until the 19th century across geographical boundaries, while providing students with the tools to understand the visual culture of the present. The class will address formal analysis, the study and history of materials, techniques, and genres. Students will also learn the semiotic language of visual culture and the socio-cultural contexts framing the history of art, both in the past and present. This course will help students understand how visual objects reflect the cultural

context in which they were originally produced and consumed, and how the meaning assigned to them changes over time. This will create bridges for the students to connect to the present visual culture while understanding that images are fluid signs which help create and maintain cultural, social, and political discourses.

ENGL 108 - Writing as Discovery (3.00)

How does the world influence you, and how do you influence the world? In this class, you will discover narratives and other texts that reveal the complexity of your identity. You will apply that understanding to a broader exploration of the necessity of empathy in navigating difference in today's global society. You will be invited to turn your curiosity into a research question about a topic that captures your interest. By the end of the semester, you will have completed a personal narrative, learned how to critically analyze diverse texts, and developed research techniques that will be valuable during your academic career and beyond. You will continue to hone these skills in a specialized Thought Lab 2 course of your choosing during your second semester. A minimum grade of "C-" is required to pass this course. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL090 or placement through the Writing Placement Assessment.

FNDT 103 - Exp Studio:Drawing (3.00)

These drawing courses are designed to support students in preparation for their chosen majors. Students will experiment with various materials and mediums while exploring a broad spectrum of approaches to drawing as an active form of thinking, seeing, and understanding. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDT 104 - Exp Studio Dimensional Studies (3.00)

Dimensional Studies explores the tangible world, built environment, and object making. Courses are offered in a variety of mediums and investigate a range of topics including spatial analysis and thinking, material experimentation, form design, digital fabrication, hand skills, and building strategies while creating in 3 dimensional and 4-dimensional space. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDT 105 - Exp Studio Transmedia (3.00)

Transmedia explores strategies for visual communication. A range of cross-disciplinary studio courses investigate multi-model applications for conveying bold ideas through form. Courses invite innovative approaches to contemporary media, strengthening fluency in design principles and cultural literacy. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDT 150 - Major Studio Elective (3.00)

See schedule of courses for specific course offerings. Introductory courses focusing topics within a specific studio department.

AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

Planned as a continuation of Visual Culture 1, Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power & Modernity offers a transparent chronology to continue but deepen an investigation of art, design and world perspectives from roughly 1800 to 1960 -- years loosely associated with "modernisms." It explores Western and non-Western, dominant, and marginalized histories during this proposed 200-year time frame, broadening and reinforcing first-year students' historical awareness, while de-centering dominant canons. Visual Culture 2 uses multi-cultural artifacts, readings, seminar-like discussions and experiential collaborations to explore and critically analyze key works and key themes like colonialism, structural racism, xenophobia, industrialization, technology, capitalism and consumerism from multiple perspectives. By the end of the semester, students should have the necessary critical tools to become empathic citizen-artists who can engage an equitable, transglobal, diasporic, technically creative and environmentally demanding present and future.

LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology; From Industrial Design to AI Media; Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

Sophomore

GDES 200 - Graphic Design I (3.00)

Graphic Design I is an introduction to the mechanics (technique), histories, culture and methodologies (practice and process) used by graphic designers in visual communication. Through exercises and projects, you will develop a process of articulating ideas, research, concept generation, experimentation, form-making, and craft skills. The coursework will oscillate between technique and culture throughout the semester, working incrementally from basic form-making to complex meaning and composition.

GDES 220 - Typography I (3.00)

Typography I introduces the mechanics (technique) and concepts (culture) of typographic applications. Throughout the semester's coursework, the class will oscillate between learning basic typesetting techniques and reading about and discussing the cultural conversations that typography can be part of. The coursework evolves incrementally: beginning with single letterforms and sentences to paragraphs and complex typographic applications.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

AHCS 222 - Graphic Design/ Illus History (3.00)

How do the communication arts reveal the expectations and values of a culture and society at any given time? What are the moral and ethical responsibilities of the communication artist? From typography to photography, trademarks to corporate logos, and from posters to postcards to illustrated electronic paperless forms, the communication arts provide a crucial link to people, places, and to popular culture. This course presents an overview of the communication arts, focusing upon the instrumentality of graphic design, advertising, and illustration in the construction of complex social, political, cultural, racial, ethnic, and gender identities. Activities and assignments such as panel discussions and photo essays afford students a chance to see the connection between their work, and larger historical, contemporary, and global aspects of culture. Most significantly, this course provides an opportunity to understand the vast influence that the communication arts have wielded and continue to wield across the world.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

GDES 201 - Graphic Design II (3.00)

Graphic Design II is a continuation of Graphic Design I, exploring visual communication histories, theories, and methodologies commonly used by contemporary graphic design practitioners. Through exercises and projects emphasizing type + image integration and visual + cultural literacy, you will further develop a process that involves visual research, concept generating, form-making, and craft skills. The coursework will expand and extend the knowledge base of Graphic Design 1, focusing on semiotics, multi-page publications, digital media and motion-based applications. Prerequisite: GRDS200 Graphic Design I or approval of Chair

GDES 221 - Typography II (3.00)

Typography II is a continuation of Typography 1, extending the typographic palette beyond form and composition to focus on the detail in typography—letter-spacing, typesetting, typographic history, type systems, typeface familiarity, complex layout, grid structures, and multi-page applications. You will work on assignments with rigorous parameters, increasing in complexity throughout the semester. You will develop and refine your typographic sensibility and design process. Prerequisite: GDES220 Typography I or approval of Chair

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

AHCS 224 - Theories and Trends (3.00)

This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

LIBS 214 - Sophomore LAS Elective (3.00)

These courses introduce students to special topics in the liberal arts and sciences that can inspire them to explore new intellectual and creative pathways more deeply. Course offerings vary by semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings

Junior**GDES 300 - Graphic Design III (3.00)**

Graphic Design III is an increasingly sophisticated examination of design and its applications. Students broaden their understanding of effective design as a visual language in print and screen-based media. Assignments focus on form-making and problem-solving for specific audiences, using research, prototyping, testing, iteration, and developing proposals. The course builds on the skills learned in Graphic Design 1 and 2, preparing students to practice professionally in the 21 century. Prerequisite: GRDS201 Graphic Design II or approval of Chair

GDES 320 - Typography III (3.00)

Publication focuses on building content-driven typographic systems and structures, and understanding their relationship to content, concept, and narrative. Students will curate, design, and produce a typographic book. Heavy emphasis will be placed on typographic detailing and refinement (typographic craft), in addition to the advanced, systematic application of the modular grid. Students will also be expected expand their visual literacy with respect to both contemporary and historical publication typography through continued visual research. Prerequisite: GDES221 Typography II or approval by Chair

GDIL 354 - Professional Practice (3.00)

This course prepares students to enter the expansive and ever-changing graphic design field. Students leave the class having completed a professional website, resume, business card, letterhead, cover letter, invoice, promotional leave-behind, and a product available for sale in a real-world marketplace. Students develop and improve interview and networking techniques vital to engaging in the professional world. At the end of this class students will be able to locate, research, and secure internships and employment that aligns with their interests, ambitions, and professional goals.

SSCI 210 - Social Science (3.00)

Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

GDES 301 - Graphic Design IV (3.00)

Graphic Design IV expands and builds upon the previous course by focusing on experimentation with form and media and building increasingly complex visual systems and narratives. Students cultivate their interests via research and begin developing their working methods, emphasizing presentation skills, iteration, articulation, and refinement. Throughout the course, students develop visual narratives and apply them to print and screen-based media, including 2d, 3d, 4d, using analog and digital methods. Prerequisite: GRDS300 Graphic Design III

GDES 321 - Typography IV (3.00)

Type on screen and beyond. This course is an expansion of typographic fundamentals from Type 1–3 (hierarchy, composition, system, structure, sequence/pacing) to new contexts and mediums. Although projects are more self-directed and outcomes are more open-ended, assessment of work is still based on functionality, legibility in context, visual interest, and typographic craft regardless of medium, scale, or format. The projects emphasize a dialogue between classroom work and the larger cultural and historical context. There is no programming requirement for this class. Even if students know how to program or write code, they should not plan to program any of their projects. The focus of this class is the design of project(s). They will be expected to present their screen-based work in an organized way that clearly demonstrates the hierarchies, formal palette, and functionality of their project. This can take the form of an interactive PDF, a video, a slideshow, or any other appropriate format. Prerequisite: GRDS320 Typography III

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

An upper-division interdisciplinary studio course offering unique core content that shifts from term to term. This studio affords students the opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and expand their notion of problem solving beyond their major in public site real world challenges. This course may be taken in either the fall or spring of the junior year. A limited choice of CAIL301 courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director. CAIL301 may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of the junior year

NSCI 307 - Natural Science Elective (3.00)

Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.

Senior**GDES 453 - Systems and Identity (3.00)**

In this course, students explore the past, present, and future of visual identity, branding, and systems design. The course asks whether a static mark can truly represent an organization in our hyper-connected global world. The work produced in the course focuses on identity as a system (typography, voice, color, application, etc...) of interrelated parts derived from a research-driven, conceptual premise. In seeking more nuanced approaches, students will create a distinctive visual identity system through a structured, yet experimental process. They will work through iterations and build an expansive visual language that moves beyond traditional branding applications. While developing these applied skills, students will begin to think about these practices

critically from socio-political contexts as well as potentially through speculative investigations and world-building. Class Level Eligibility: Must be at Senior Level Standing

GDES 459 - Visual Language (3.00)

This course allows students to investigate and deconstruct visual languages in history and culture while also creating their own visual language through a semester-long project based on their own personal interest. The studio class is self-directed, providing a vehicle for rigorous design research, the development of an individual process, and refinement of their craft and formal skills across a variety of media. Prerequisite: GRDS300 Graphic Design IV

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

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LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Capstone experience is a required senior-level course designated to facilitate students' critical reflection on a topic that intersects with their own studio practice, discipline, and/or identity. As the signature course and culminating expression of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Department, the class design allows for independent research and private mentoring through Blended classes that meet synchronously online. The Capstone research process encourages students to apply the skills they've accrued during their time at Otis College to a project that can advance their understanding of their career path and chosen industry. A minimum grade of C- or better on the Capstone paper and course is required to pass.

GDES 440 - Senior Project (3.00)

in graphic design, offering them the opportunity to integrate their personal vision with professional goals into a semester-long project. The course schedule is self-driven—each student is expected to define the goals, milestones, and schedule of their project. Weekly lectures, demonstrations, and workshops supplement the coursework and expand/expose students to a variety of technical and critical approaches defining a well-rounded contemporary practice. The result is a well-researched, thoroughly executed project representative of the culmination of education up to this point.

GDIL 410 - Entrepreneurship 101 (Gr.Des.) (3.00)

An intensive introduction to all facets of running a business—marketing, promotion, developing a client base, pricing, legal, ethical, financial aspects, mindset, networking, interviewing. Students will learn best practices from: creative agencies, creative directors, Otis Alumna, clients, an accountant, an attorney, business coach and recruiters. This course teaches students how to plan, establish, and sustain a meaningful studio, office, and/or agency. It also provides tools and insights for sustaining winning strategies and securing FT work within an organization - integrating with career services, job fairs and recruitment opportunities. Eligibility: senior level standing. Must be at senior level standing.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

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BFA IN ILLUSTRATION

Our Mission

The Illustration major is for students who love drawing, painting, and image making. Many creative and professional pathways open up to to illustrators who develop a strong personal style in their work and use their skills to support the communication needs of a variety of clients in multiple contexts, including but not limited to: editorial illustration, comics, children's books, murals, concept art, animation, design, and creative direction.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students majoring in Illustration will:

- Engage and utilize past and present theories and histories while evidencing professional mastery of relevant methodologies, skills, and tools applied to a broad range of media.
- Cultivate, model, and continuously improve confidence in one's communication skills, including listening, writing, empathizing, negotiating, presenting, critiquing, and reflecting
- Define, iterate, and evaluate solutions for problems using a forward-thinking and reflective studio practice.
- Apply purposeful risk taking designed to produce content, concepts, and formal outcomes that feed personal passions and professional growth with the aim of positively impacting the future of humanity.
- Demonstrate best professional practices, including editing and presentation of work, networking, time management, project planning, budgeting, and collaboration.
- Actively seek out and utilize cross-disciplinary studies and extracurricular activities so as to grow as a well-rounded artist and engaged citizen of the world.

Degree Requirements

All programs' curricula are developed in response to Program Learning Outcomes, which signify what students learn within a degree program or emphasis area. All program learning outcomes respond to overarching Institutional Learning Outcomes. View the BFA in Illustration program learning outcomes here or request information.

Freshman

FNDT 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

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AHCS 122 - Visual Culture 1 (3.00)

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ENGL 108 - Writing as Discovery (3.00)

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FNDDT 103 - Exp Studio:Drawing (3.00)

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FNDDT 104 - Exp Studio Dimensional Studies (3.00)

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FNDDT 105 - Exp Studio Transmedia (3.00)

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FNDDT 150 - Major Studio Elective (3.00)

See schedule of courses for specific course offerings. Introductory courses focusing topics within a specific studio department.

AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

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LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology; From Industrial Design to AI Media; Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

Sophomore**ILUS 200 - Illustration I (3.00)**

Professional Illustrators capture your attention and compel you to look further. Illustration 1 is an introduction to the visual communication methodologies that illustrators use to craft that skill. You will explore exercises and projects in diverse media to begin to develop a work process that involves visual research, observational drawing, concept generation, and journalistic storytelling. Projects are designed to encourage expression of your individual voice. The coursework includes historical and contemporary perspectives that have shaped history and culture, and examines the range of markets available to illustrators.

ILUS 212 - Drawing and Painting I (3.00)

Drawing and Painting I is one of two consecutive courses for sophomore illustrators that introduces students to a variety of drawing and painting materials and methods used by professional working artists and illustrators to communicate narratives. To develop these necessary skills, special emphasis is given to representational drawing as a fundamental means for thinking, looking, and authorship. Drawing and Painting I will guide students through the stages of completing a project from concept sketches to finished drawings using value, line, observation, appropriate materials, dry and wet techniques, composition, narrative and development of a unique style using traditional media.

ILUS 220 - Type for Illustrators (3.00)

This course is designed for Sophomore Illustrators to introduce and expand upon the fundamentals of typography and the study of letterforms, with the emphasis placed on exploring type as a tool integral to contemporary illustrative practices.

AHCS 222 - Graphic Design/ Illus History (3.00)

How do the communication arts reveal the expectations and values of a culture and society at any given time? What are the moral and ethical responsibilities of the communication artist? From typography to photography, trademarks to corporate logos, and from posters to postcards to illustrated electronic paperless forms, the communication arts provide a crucial link to people, places, and to popular culture. This course presents an overview of the communication arts, focusing upon the instrumentality of graphic design, advertising, and illustration in the construction of complex social, political, cultural, racial, ethnic, and gender identities. Activities and assignments such as panel discussions and photo essays afford students a chance to see the connection between their work, and larger historical, contemporary, and global aspects of culture. Most significantly, this course provides an opportunity to understand the vast influence that the communication arts have wielded and continue to wield across the world.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

ILUS 201 - Illustration II (3.00)

Effective illustration can inform, provoke, and delight while shaping ideas and culture. Illustration II is a continued exploration of the visual communication theories and methodologies used by professional illustrators. Through exercises and projects emphasizing concept development, cultural literacy, type and metaphor, this course will further develop personal image-making, visual problem solving, editorial and narrative methods. Projects will focus on strategies and skills from print to motion through the conditions of realworld illustration projects.

ILUS 213 - Drawing and Painting II (3.00)

Drawing and Painting II provides students with an opportunity to explore and develop an intimate sense of color within the design world. Students are introduced to a variety of color painting media including oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, etc. Curriculum is focused on color theory, color mixing/matching, handling of media, proficiency of application, uses of media based on context, experimentation with pigments, and pigment chemistry. Additionally, students will implement the conceptual design strategies learned from Drawing and Painting I including maintaining a sketchbook, intentional research, design development via rough thumbnail sketches, studies, and comprehensive sketches.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

AHCS 224 - Theories and Trends (3.00)

This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

LIBS 214 - Sophomore LAS Elective (3.00)

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Junior

ILUS 300 - Illustration III (3.00)

An increasingly sophisticated examination of illustration concepts and their applications; students broaden their understanding of illustration as visual language in projects that involve research and analysis, focusing on image making, aesthetics, message clarity, audience, and intent with refined use of media and technique. Prerequisite: ILUS201 Illustration II or approval of Chair

ILUS 312 - Drawing and Painting III (3.00)

Students refine their expressive and observational drawing, painting and composition skills as they relate to illustration as a means of visual communication. Emphasis is placed on contemporary illustrative applications and strategies, including the use of both analog and digital techniques particular to contemporary illustration methodologies. Studio sessions encourage experimentation and personal development. Conceptual and practical skills pertinent to contemporary illustrative practice are discussed and demonstrated throughout the semester. Prerequisite: ILUS213 Drawing and Painting II or approval of Chair

GDIL 354 - Professional Practice (3.00)

This course prepares students to enter the expansive and ever-changing graphic design field. Students leave the class having completed a professional website, resume, business card, letterhead, cover letter, invoice, promotional leave-behind, and a product available for sale in a real-world marketplace. Students develop and improve interview and networking techniques vital to engaging in the professional world. At the end of this class students will be able to locate, research, and secure internships and employment that aligns with their interests, ambitions, and professional goals.

SSCI 210 - Social Science (3.00)

Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

ILUS 301 - Communication Studio IV (3.00)

An increasingly sophisticated examination of illustration concepts and their applications; students broaden their understanding of illustration as visual language in projects that involve research and analysis, focusing on image making, aesthetics, message, audience, and intent with refined use of media and technique. Prerequisite: For ILUS301 is ILUS300

ILUS 313 - Drawing and Painting IV (3.00)

This course further develops students' use and understanding of advanced tools and applications defining the most forward-thinking sectors of contemporary Illustration. Students improve technical skills in both traditional and experimental media with regard to line, form, lighting, and space, while focusing on critical and conceptual issues framing the future of Illustration. Students create ambitious projects designed to engage expansive and dispersed audiences. Intensive real-world assignments prepare students for professional experience in diverse established and exploratory venues. Prerequisite: ILUS312 Drawing and Painting III

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

An upper-division interdisciplinary studio course offering unique core content that shifts from term to term. This studio affords students the opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and expand their notion of problem solving beyond their major in public site real world challenges. This course may be taken in either the fall or spring of the junior year. A limited choice of CAIL301 courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director. CAIL301 may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of the junior year

NSCI 307 - Natural Science Elective (3.00)

Natural Science Elective. See the schedule of classes for available courses.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

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Senior**ILUS 363 - Alt Materials & Processes (3.00)**

Course focuses on the use of mixed media and alternative materials for image construction. The class explores the “use values” of different mediums and how they affect communication. Some materials explored are graphite, paint, paper collage, cloth, digital collage, transfers, oil bars, duct tape, resin, inks, wax, and more. Exploring and experimenting with different combinations of materials is required. Class instruction will include lectures, assigned projects, media demonstrations, readings, slide presentations, and group feedback. Prerequisite: ILUS301 Illustration IV

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LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

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ILUS 440 - Senior Project/Seminar (3.00)

The purpose of this course is to develop complete and professional work derived from research collected during the previous semester in Senior Project Research. In this course, each student will define their own goals, methodologies and schedule of deadlines. We will address appropriate target audiences for each project and the media to best reach those audiences, as well as the specific direction each student wishes to pursue as a professional artist. Emphasis is placed on physical realization of each project’s content. Students explore conceptual, theoretical, experimental communications problems offering them the opportunity to integrate personal vision with professional goals. In cross-disciplinary teams facilitated by faculty advisors, students define the scope and objectives of their inquiry and outline research and production methodologies.

GDIL 410 - Entrepreneurship 101 (Illus.) (3.00)

An intensive introduction to all facets of running a business—marketing, promotion, developing a client base, pricing, legal, ethical, financial aspects, mindset, networking, interviewing. Students will learn best practices from: creative agencies, creative directors, Otis Alumna, clients, an accountant, an attorney, business coach and recruiters. This course teaches students how to plan, establish, and sustain a meaningful studio, office, and/or agency. It also provides tools and insights for sustaining winning strategies and securing FT work within an organization - integrating with career services, job fairs and recruitment opportunities. Eligibility: senior level standing. Must be at senior level standing.

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BFA IN PRODUCT DESIGN**Our Mission**

We live immersed in a world created and defined by products, systems, and experiences that product designers create. Students learn a process consisting of physical and digital skills that evolve from discovery through development to the delivery of meaningful design solutions. Product Design is broad and encompasses design aspects related to all the other art and design majors. The program aims to prepare students for future design practice through a broad-based, hands-on experience that blends traditional art and craft with industry-related skills, technology, design knowledge, and practices. The curriculum allows students to select elective courses that align with their needs, career interests, abilities, or skill sets. Students emerge from the program empowered with the design and business skills that enable them to work in any design field. Alums of the program work for companies and consulting firms such as Apple, Raytheon, SpaceX, Crate & Barrel, Target, Disney, Coach, Guess, Vans, Herman Miller, IBM, Mattel, Nike, Adidas, Sony Pictures, Nissan, and more.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students engage in the study and practice of design as a creative, iterative process that involves curiosity, research, insight, creativity and critical thinking, ideation, sketching, prototype making, and marketing. Students learn hands-on-making skills in hard and soft materials, craft-based processes, and 2D and 3D analog and digital skills design methods.

The Program Learning Outcomes in the Product Design Program for graduating students to achieve are:

- Design Process: Use the Product Design and Development Process as a means to manage the development of an idea from concept through to production.
- Design Research: Employ research and analysis methodologies as it pertains to the product design process, meaning, and user experience.
- Design Thinking: Apply creative process techniques in synthesizing information, problem-solving, and critical thinking
- Design Communication: Demonstrate skills in representing ideas and design solutions in 2D hand drawings and 3D digital imagery, displaying an acute awareness of technical fluency, visual storytelling, and craftsmanship.
- Design Prototyping: Use of basic fabrication to build prototype models for hard goods and soft goods and packaging.
- Design Engineering: Demonstrate, and recognize basic engineering, mechanical, and technical principles.
- Design & Materials: Demonstrate, apply, explain, and recognize the basic family of materials used in soft goods and hard goods, including sustainable materials and manufacturing processes.

Degree Requirements

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Freshman

FNDT 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)

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Students will create innovative and impactful designs by learning and applying essential elements including, line, shape, color, texture, space, balance, contrast, and rhythm. Utilizing digital and analog tools, students will engage in diverse design challenges, enhancing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as developing their visual literacy and communication abilities. Through this course, students will learn fundamental concepts relevant to today's creative industries, laying a solid foundation for further explorations

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Students explore the built environment, analyzing its physical, spatial, and temporal elements. This course introduces students to art and design fundamentals, including scale, material, measurement, context, and function. They will explore innovative and sustainable solutions using fabrication, technology, studio labs, and joint activities with other classes. This course includes the Creative Action & Integrated Learning (CAIL) component, which encourages engagement with the city of Los Angeles. Students will participate in site visits, lectures, and relevant readings that highlight cultural, social, political, ecological, or economic aspects of responsive design. Throughout the course, students will also develop professionalism and collaboration skills.

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FNDT 104 - Exp Studio Dimensional Studies (3.00)

Dimensional Studies explores the tangible world, built environment, and object making. Courses are offered in a variety of mediums and investigate a range of topics including spatial analysis and thinking, material experimentation, form design, digital fabrication, hand skills, and building strategies while creating in 3 dimensional and 4-dimensional space. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

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Transmedia explores strategies for visual communication. A range of cross-disciplinary studio courses investigate multi-model applications for conveying bold ideas through form. Courses invite innovative approaches to contemporary media, strengthening fluency in design principles and cultural literacy. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDT 150 - Major Studio Elective (3.00)

See schedule of courses for specific course offerings. Introductory courses focusing topics within a specific studio department.

AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

Planned as a continuation of Visual Culture 1, Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power & Modernity offers a transparent chronology to continue but deepen an investigation of art, design and world perspectives from roughly 1800 to 1960 -- years loosely associated with "modernisms." It explores Western and non-Western, dominant, and marginalized histories during this proposed 200-year time frame, broadening and reinforcing first-year students' historical awareness, while de-centering dominant canons. Visual Culture 2 uses multi-cultural artifacts, readings, seminar-like discussions and experiential collaborations to explore and critically analyze key works and key themes like colonialism, structural racism, xenophobia, industrialization, technology, capitalism and consumerism from multiple perspectives. By the end of the semester, students should have the necessary critical tools to become empathic citizen-artists who can engage an equitable, transglobal, diasporic, technically creative and environmentally demanding present and future.

LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology; From Industrial Design to AI Media: Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

Sophomore**PRDS 202 - Design Studio I (3.00)**

In today's consumer-driven world, people constantly look for products that fulfill their needs, make them feel good, or fulfill their desires. Through a series of hands-on projects, students learn to apply various 2D drawing, computer, and making skills using hard materials applicable to furniture, lighting, home goods, and other product types. Students apply the design process to develop their ideas and explore the relationships between form, function, and how culture can be expressed by and be an influence on the object of design. Work is presented in a series of critique sessions and documented on a digital website. Skills introduced: design process, user experience, identification of form and function relationships, cultural design influence and forces.

PRDS 210 - Design Communication I (3.00)

Sketching and technical drawings are fundamental to product design in communicating ideas, designs, and concepts. This course presents techniques, tips, and tricks, from quick concept sketching to producing technical drawings to communicate ideas. Students will begin to delineate 3-D forms in 2-D space and the various phases and deliverables of the design process. Skills introduced: rapid ideation, iterations, concept sketches, perspective drawing and shading, color rendering, visual fluency, cross-sections, exploded views and digital rendering, 3-D modeling, and visual presentation. Skills reinforced: design process, design communication, storytelling, and intention.

PRDS 230 - Methods and Materials I (3.00)

Yes, products are made from materials. This course introduces students to hard materials (wood, metal, plastic, glass) and all the shops, labs, tools, and techniques for fabricating prototype and presentation models for Product Design. In this hands-on studio, students work with various types of materials in a series of small skills-oriented projects. They learn shop tools and develop skills in form-making. Skills introduced: model making, shop skills, 3D form, surface finishing, sketching, visual fluency, and forces on the form.

AHCS 225 - History & Future/ Product Desg (3.00)

Every object you use daily from tableware to electronics to furniture and personal home accessories is a consciously designed product and every product involves a range of challenges and decisions. This course investigates the issues that challenged designers historically and today--issues you will face in your education and career. You will explore the diverse concerns about a variety of different cultural needs, economics, technology, advertising, ethics, and sustainability--concerns that you can bring to your studio projects. The course uses a flipped class model, so the majority of class time is spent in group discussions and presentations. Students actively engage to critique and apply what they are learning from readings, videos, and lectures. By the end of the course, you will identify and explain your design concerns, and be able to critically evaluate earlier and current product design issues. Required for all Product Design majors.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

PRDS 203 - Product Design Studio II (3.00)

Products like footwear and fashion accessories express culture and personality and build self-esteem. Building on the skills learned in Design Studio I and Digital Design I, students deploy them in thoroughly investigated and contextualized designs, cultural awareness, and self-expression. Digital modeling and design components are introduced as part of the design process. Through 2-3 projects throughout the semester, students will distill research and explore data visualization, contextualization, trends, user flow, and storyboarding, emphasizing the user. Skills introduced: Students learn to communicate their design concepts and user scenarios using 2D, 3D, and 4D methods (UX). Skills reinforced: design process, research, contextualization, user interaction.

PRDS 211 - Design Communication II (3.00)

Students continue to develop a 2D drawing foundation of 3D space by hand and digitally. Interface design is introduced to add a digital element to the previous semester's project. Students will learn orthographic hand drawing and rendering (precise annotation, translating physical assets and photographic references into graphic representations) with pencil, pen, and marker, as well as 2D digital drawing and rendering (Illustrator, Photoshop, basic technical package for manufacturing, storyboarding), and advanced digital sketching. Skills introduced: orthographic drawing, composition, digital drawing. Skills reinforced: hand and digital rendering, 2D form, visual fluency, and visual stylization. Software and tools: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Figma. Students will learn to prepare work for portfolios, presentations, exhibitions, decks, and websites.

PRDS 231 - Methods & Materials II (3.00)

A continuation of the previous semester's course, the focus is on advanced techniques and finishing skills. Students are introduced to equipment, tools and techniques for fabricating prototype samples and presentation models in Product Design. Students deploy the design process skills they have learned in the Design Studio I, and II courses to their projects and presentations. In this hands-on studio, students work with various materials in a series of small skills-oriented projects. Skills reinforced: sketching, 3D form giving, forces of form, visual fluency, surface finishing, and craftsmanship.

AHCS 224 - Theories and Trends (3.00)

This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

LIBS 214 - Sophomore LAS Elective (3.00)

These courses introduce students to special topics in the liberal arts and sciences that can inspire them to explore new intellectual and creative pathways more deeply. Course offerings vary by semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings

Junior**PRDS 302 - Design Studio III (3.00)**

Students connect and apply the hard goods skills learned to design a family of objects in the hard goods category of projects. These product types are usually physically solid and include furniture, lighting fixtures, electronics, mobile devices, athletic equipment, and more. The focus is on design thinking and investigating human factors, need finding, materials exploration, functionality, internal components that allow the object to work, and user/product interaction with a strong emphasis on concept, form, personal expression, and excellence in craftsmanship. Students develop an idea, sketch the concept,

and develop a prototype to validate the idea and develop a presentation model. This studio's content, structure, and emphasis vary from semester to semester. Students add work to their portfolios, presentations, exhibitions, decks, and websites. Skills and knowledge introduced: product category, business dynamics/value analysis, product development, and design writing. Skills reinforced: prototyping, sketching, photography, 2D layout, information design, brand, materials, manufacturing, sustainability, industry awareness, individual & group critique, meaning/semantics, modelmaking, 3D form, storytelling, visual & oral presentation, design research, observational research, ideation, brainstorming.

PRDS 310 - Design Communication III (3.00)

A computer-aided design (CAD) program widely used in the Product Design industry is SolidWorks. CAD software enhances all aspects of the product design process. It goes beyond 2D renderings allowing designers to work in 3D to ensure it fits the criteria of function and aesthetic with a degree of accuracy and certainty that in the past would not have been possible. This introductory course to SolidWorks teaches the basics of 3D modeling, rendering techniques, and the processes for manufacturing. Students learn to digitally build and manipulate 3D forms and output their efforts through renderings, drawings, or 3D objects. Instructors give weekly demonstrations of the software techniques and capabilities. Individual desk crits and group presentations and critiques provide feedback on each student's design process and abilities. Skills introduced: Solidworks 3D CAD software, modeling, rendering, and 3D print output. Skills reinforced: drafting, rendering, 2D digital fluency, visual stylization, and composition. Software: SolidWorks and Keyshot.

ELEC 299 - Studio Elective (3.00)

Studio Elective See each major for a list of electives.

SSCI 210 - Social Science (3.00)

Social Science elective. Course Offerings vary each semester. See the schedule of classes for course offerings.

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

PRDS 303 - Design Studio IV (3.00)

Students connect and apply the soft goods making skills learned to design a family of objects in the soft goods category of projects. These products include fashion accessories, footwear, bags, and backpacks, activewear, packaging. Students will design specifications and research materials and create three-dimensional prototype products from flat patterns. Students will investigate human factors, need finding, materials and hardware exploration, function, style, and performance. There is a strong emphasis on concept, form, style, personal expression, and excellence in craftsmanship. This studio's content, structure, and emphasis vary from semester to semester. Skills and knowledge introduced: sketching for soft goods and the fashion accessory product category, business dynamics/value analysis, product development, and design writing. Skills reinforced: prototyping, sketching, photography, 2D layout, information design, brand, materials, manufacturing, sustainability, industry awareness, individual and group critique, meaning/semantics, modelmaking, 3D form, storytelling, visual & oral presentation, design & observational research, ideation, brainstorming, technical pattern making.

PRDS 311 - Design Communication IV (3.00)

This studio course is a continuation of Digital Design III. Students select a 3D modeling software for advanced techniques: Advanced Rhino or Advanced Solidworks. The instructor provides feedback on each student's design process and abilities through individual desk crits and group presentations and critiques. Skills reinforced: 3D modeling, digital rendering, and visual storytelling. Skills introduced: SolidWorks or Rhino 3D CAD software, modeling, rendering, and 3D print output. Skills reinforced: drafting, rendering, 2D digital fluency, visual stylization, and composition.

CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

An upper-division interdisciplinary studio course offering unique core content that shifts from term to term. This studio affords students the opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and expand their notion of problem solving beyond their major in public site real world challenges. This course may be taken in either the fall or spring of the junior year. A limited choice of CAIL301 courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director. CAIL301 may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of the junior year

NSCI 319 - Anatomy and Ergonomics (3.00)

This course utilizes the principles of physics to understand human anatomy as a mechanical system. Emphasis is placed on physiological issues related to age, gender, and physical disabilities. Consideration is also given to the implications of these principles for applied ergonomics. Required for Product Design majors.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.

Senior

PRDS 402 - Product Design Studio V (3.00)

This advanced project-based studio course introduces students to more in-depth product design scenarios and explores and discovers possible design solutions, users, and markets. At the same time, students will begin the first phase of their two-semester Capstone Project, starting with the research, ideation, and preliminary design phase. Students are expected to perform at a high level of critical thinking and creativity, aesthetics, functionality, craftsmanship, communication, presentation, and documentation of their design process.

PRDS 410 - Design Communication V (3.00)

This is an elective studio that allows students to focus on specific software or areas that will further support their skills and goals as they prepare to graduate. Skills introduced or reinforced: 3D modelling, digital rendering, and visual storytelling. Solidworks or Rhino 3D CAD software, , rendering, and 3D print output. Software: SolidWorks or Rhino 3D CAD software. Keyshot, After Effects, Cinema 4D, Figma, drafting, rendering, 2D digital fluency, visual stylization, and composition.

PRDS 440 - Design & Market I (3.00)

Design-driven companies of today and the future are looking for hybrid designers who can work across design, business, and marketing functions while retaining their depth of design savvy. This advanced project-based course focuses on design, development, brand, and line extensions related to the development of the cycle of products from design concept to manufacturing and product distribution. Skills reinforced: cross-functional skill development, industry awareness, professional design practices.

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PRDS 403 - Product Design Studio VI (3.00)

Using the previous semester's designs, students build their prototypes, learn to work with vendors and develop their thesis project, and solve issues and constraints. The second part of the course focuses on preparing their work for the Annual Exhibition and the design of Exhibits and communication in a post-Otis world. Skills introduced: Exhibition design, graphic communication, video, animation, and editing. Skills and experience reinforced: design research, observational research, UX/UI, FIGMA, teamwork, information design, sustainability, prototyping, leadership, ideation, brainstorming, time management, meaning/semantics, design writing, ethics, point of view, and voice.

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BFA IN TOY DESIGN**Our Mission**

Toys and play are an essential part of our world. Otis College offers one of the only four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Toy Design. Taught by faculty and guest mentors who are renowned toy and entertainment professionals, the program focuses on the process of designing and bringing toys to market. Students create toys for all ages, across numerous categories, with a focus on play. Our graduates will shape the industry, impact society, and inspire generations to come.

Toy Design is a specialized major and requires skills from many disciplines, including drawing, engineering, sculpting, prototyping, and digital design. Students will gain knowledge in child psychology, storytelling, presentations, and business practices. They'll learn about manufacturing, product safety, sustainability, and packaging, and will gain an understanding of the evolution of a toy from concept to the end consumer.

Many of the world's largest toy and entertainment companies are a few miles from campus. They are at the center of a multibillion-dollar industry that provides an enormous professional stepping-stone for our emerging toy designers. The Toy Design program offers students the opportunity to participate in summer internships after their sophomore and junior years. Often our students are hired by the companies where they worked.

Students will graduate with a final portfolio that highlights their unique talents, technical skills, and innovative ideas to launch them into a creative, rewarding, and meaningful career.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Toy Design graduates will:

- Demonstrate individual expression and an imaginative approach in the creation of unique, innovative concepts and designs. **CREATIVITY AND ENTREPRENEURISM**
- Express ideas clearly and effectively through conceptual drawings, prototypes, and written and verbal presentations. **VISUAL AND ORAL COMMUNICATION**
- Use critical thinking skills and technical knowledge to manipulate art and design media in executing work.
- Recognize when information is needed and be able to locate, evaluate, and effectively utilize information from multiple sources. **RESOURCE LITERACY**
- Develop professional etiquette through individual project management, collaborative assessment, and by strengthening emotional intelligence. **PROFESSIONALISM**
- Make ethical decisions with consideration of social and environmental factors in the design of toys and be aware of the impact they have on society. **SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS**

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AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

Planned as a continuation of Visual Culture 1, Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power & Modernity offers a transparent chronology to continue but deepen an investigation of art, design and world perspectives from roughly 1800 to 1960 -- years loosely associated with "modernisms." It explores Western and non-Western, dominant, and marginalized histories during this proposed 200-year time frame, broadening and reinforcing first-year students' historical awareness, while de-centering dominant canons. Visual Culture 2 uses multi-cultural artifacts, readings, seminar-like discussions and experiential collaborations to explore and critically analyze key works and key themes like colonialism, structural racism, xenophobia, industrialization, technology, capitalism and consumerism from multiple perspectives. By the end of the semester, students should have the necessary critical tools to become empathic citizen-artists who can engage an equitable, transglobal, diasporic, technically creative and environmentally demanding present and future.

LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology: From Industrial Design to AI Media: Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

Sophomore

TOYD 200 - Toy Design I (3.00)

Toys are fundamental to our growth and culture. We learn to make decisions, socialize, and create through play. In these on-campus courses, you will develop an understanding of the creative process of toy design and learn the fundamentals of becoming a successful toy designer. Emphasis is placed on brainstorming and designing toys that engage children across various play patterns. You'll apply drawing, model-making, and fabrication skills to create original toy concepts. You'll learn to conduct market research and analysis to ensure your designs are viable and positioned strategically for their intended audience. Using various fabrication techniques, you'll translate your idea into a 3-D model and present the final product to faculty and visiting toy industry professionals. Toy Design studio courses may be sponsored, in which case the toy category or brand would be predetermined.

TOYD 232 - Visual Communication I (3.00)

To communicate effectively, a designer should have a broad range of both traditional and digital drawing skills. In these on-campus courses, you will develop your ability to communicate ideas through drawing from quick ideation sketches to final illustrations. Through the study of shape, perspective, style, use of character, and storytelling, students will learn to communicate with compelling, dynamic drawings. On the digital side, you'll learn how to take a concept from rough sketch to a refined set of technical illustrations. You'll learn digital tools that will enable you to produce drawings that accurately convey your design intent and serve as a blueprint when creating a prototype model. The skills acquired during these courses will be utilized throughout the remainder of your Toy Design studio courses.

TOYD 242 - Design Prototyping I (3.00)

As a Toy Designer, it's essential to know how to translate your 2D concepts into 3D form. These on-campus classes will equip you with practical prototyping skills and vocabulary that will enable you to develop and communicate your designs accurately. With guidance from your instructor, you'll work in the model shop, and learn to use the tools, equipment, and machinery. You'll integrate these skills and techniques into your concepts, developing an understanding of the design and development process. Ultimately, these courses will provide you with working knowledge in the processes and techniques used in model-making for the toy industry. Fabrication, sculpting, molding, and casting will be taught through lectures and hands-on experience. With the building blocks learned throughout the year, you can move on with confidence to more advanced prototyping in subsequent courses.

SSCI 211 - Child Psych:Development & Play (3.00)

A comprehensive overview of child development from conception to adolescence, including developmental stages, critical periods, effects of early stimulation, environmental enrichment, and how to apply this information when designing children's toys, books, games, products, and entertainment. Required for Toy Design majors.

AHCS 224 - Theories and Trends (3.00)

This course stresses the relationships between contemporary culture and media and their connections to related creative and theoretical disciplines that have influenced art practice and human experience in the years roughly from 1955 to the present. "Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture" critically examines the range of roles that popular culture, mass media and colonial institutions of privilege play in all creative practices. This class challenges facile and well-worn constructions of gender, difference, ableism, race, ethnicity, "high" and "low" art to work towards conceptions of the self, identity, and of culture that are fluid. Research and case studies focus on the inter-textual and the inter-disciplinary. Students learn and critically evaluate major theories of contemporary art and design through textual, visual, and hands-on inquiry, encouraging independent thinking via active in-class and student-directed projects.

TOYD 201 - Toy Design II (3.00)

Toys are fundamental to our growth and culture. We learn to make decisions, socialize, and create through play. In these on-campus courses, you will develop an understanding of the creative process of toy design and learn the fundamentals of becoming a successful toy designer. Emphasis is placed on brainstorming and designing toys that engage children across various play patterns. You'll apply drawing, model-making, and fabrication skills to create original toy concepts. You'll learn to conduct market research and analysis to ensure your designs are viable and positioned strategically for their intended audience. Using various fabrication techniques, you'll translate your idea into a 3-D model and present the final product to faculty and visiting toy industry professionals. Toy Design studio courses may be sponsored, in which case the toy category or brand would be predetermined.

TOYD 233 - Visual Communication II (3.00)

To communicate effectively, a designer should have a broad range of both traditional and digital drawing skills. In these on-campus courses, you will develop your ability to communicate ideas through drawing from quick ideation sketches to final illustrations. Through the study of shape, perspective, style, use of character, and storytelling, students will learn to communicate with compelling, dynamic drawings. On the digital side, you'll learn how to take a concept from rough sketch to a refined set of technical illustrations. You'll learn digital tools that will enable you to produce drawings that accurately convey your design intent and serve as a blueprint when creating a prototype model. The skills acquired during these courses will be utilized throughout the remainder of your Toy Design studio courses.

TOYD 243 - Design Prototyping II (3.00)

As a Toy Designer, it's essential to know how to translate your 2D concepts into 3D form. These on-campus classes will equip you with practical prototyping skills and vocabulary that will enable you to develop and communicate your designs accurately. With guidance from your instructor, you'll work in the model shop, and learn to use the tools, equipment, and machinery. You'll integrate these skills and techniques into your concepts, developing an understanding of the design and development process. Ultimately, these courses will provide you with working knowledge in the processes and techniques used in model-making for the toy industry. Fabrication, sculpting, molding, and casting will be taught through lectures and hands-on experience. With the building blocks learned throughout the year, you can move on with confidence to more advanced prototyping in subsequent courses.

LIBS 219 - Methods and Materials (3.00)

Methods and Materials explores basic and advanced manufacturing processes and materials. Discussions focus on the fundamentals of plastic component design, decorating and assembly, exploring the possibilities and limitations associated with consumer products. Students will discover and learn through reading assignments, lectures, on-line research, hands-on instructional aides, image/video review and discussion.

CAIL 200 - Creative Action LAS Elective (3.00)

An integrative course using collaborative methodology, synthesizing diverse perspectives, and using the skills of creative and critical thinking, clear communication, research, and information literacy. See the Liberal Arts department for offerings.

Junior**TOYD 302 - Toy Design III (3.00)**

Story-based toys and line extensions are important in building toy brands. In these on-campus courses, you will conceptualize and bring a character-based product line to life. Storyboarding will be utilized to show how the characters live in their world. You will also create your own play accessory as a stand-alone item or to complement your existing toy line. Advanced presentation and building techniques will be used to showcase toy concepts and features. Prototype models could be articulated with movement and incorporate lights and sounds. Consideration will be given to how your line could become a brand. Toy Design studio courses could be sponsored, in which case the toy category or brand would be predetermined.

TOYD 334 - Visual Communication III (3.00)

Sketching original characters and developing storyboards is an effective way of communicating original concepts and features of toys and related accessories. In this on-campus drawing and portfolio development class, you'll acquire advanced skills in the theory and practice of sketching, drawing, and rendering techniques as applied to toy products. You will concentrate on the creation, organization, and presentation of your portfolio. You'll design a logo and create a promotional sheet that reflects your graphic skill and creative styling with best-in-class examples of your work. Finally, you'll write a résumé that expresses your creativity and design experience with links to a digital portfolio.

TOYD 340 - Design Prototyping III (3.00)

The use of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) programs is an essential and necessary skill in the field of Toy Design. These on-campus courses focus on 3D modeling programs such as Rhino, which is often used in the construction of prototype models. You'll learn advanced modeling and prototyping techniques used in the toy industry. These courses combine instruction on the computer with guidance on the standards required to produce 3D models through output to a rapid prototyping machine. Students will progress to more advanced modeling techniques and will continue to develop their rendering and animation skills. You'll be introduced to programs such as Adobe After Effects to create more compelling digital video presentations with animation, titles, sound effects, and transitions. Students will be able to apply acquired learning to improve all their toy design projects and presentations.

AHCS 236 - History of Toys (3.00)

Today we understand play as a child's universal language and right. But was it always this way? This course explores historical global perspectives on toys, trends, and play, providing valuable context for the emerging toy designer. You will develop a cultural awareness of the evolution of the toy industry reflected by past and current societal changes. Active research, videos, readings, and discussions inform personal narrative writing along with engaging, creative group projects. Class projects will be relevant and enhance the experience of studio toy design classes. By the semester's end, you will have completed quality research on your favorite childhood toy and designed an instructional game focusing on a chosen era, genre, or region related to the history of toys. Required for all Toy Design majors.

MATH 136 - Math Elective (3.00)

Math elective. Covers various topics related to mathematical concepts in art and design. See schedule of classes for course offerings.

TOYD 303 - Toy Design IV (3.00)

Students will apply principles they have learned in Toy Design I and II to create original toys which can be expanded to become a toy brand with line extensions. Students will utilize analog and digital drawing skills, technology including digital design software for rapid prototyping, and explore methods of fabrication using a variety of materials. Students will learn the most effective methods of presenting their toy concepts visually, demonstrating new features digitally when it is the most effective way of communicating play patterns and function. Corporate sponsored projects may occur during either semester, but regardless, critiques will include visiting toy industry professionals.

TOYD 343 - Design Prototyping IV (3.00)

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CAIL 301 - Creative Action Junior Studio (3.00)

An upper-division interdisciplinary studio course offering unique core content that shifts from term to term. This studio affords students the opportunity to engage with professionals from various fields and expand their notion of problem solving beyond their major in public site real world challenges. This course may be taken in either the fall or spring of the junior year. A limited choice of CAIL301 courses will count for the Sustainability Minor. Please see the Interdisciplinary Studies Director. CAIL301 may be taken in either the fall or spring semester of the junior year

NSCI 308 - Human Factors in Toy Design (3.00)

Anatomy is the study of the structures and functions of the human body, and ergonomics is the applied science of equipment design. This course examines the human anatomy and its implications for the ergonomic design of toys for children at different stages of physical maturation. Required for Toy Design majors.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.

Senior

TOYD 404 - Toy Design V (3.00)

In these advanced level on-campus courses, students will continue in their development of conceptual, technical, and creative skills and methodologies relating to toy design. Emphasis is placed on identifying future trends and technology and integrating them into the toy design process. Students will have been exposed to different categories of toys and children's products and how those products are part of larger brands and entertainment properties. Students may have participated in summer internships where they gained real world experience and will be able to apply that learning as well as their classroom experience to design and prepare their final projects, portfolio, and senior show. Toy Design studio courses may be sponsored, in which case the toy category or brand would be predetermined.

TOYD 436 - Visual Communication IV (3.00)

This advanced on-campus computer lab course featuring programs in the Adobe Creative Suite allows you to apply your skills and knowledge to improve ongoing projects and enhance your portfolio. The course covers a wide range of Advanced Photoshop techniques, including AI Art integration into your ideation process and how to prepare your digital assets for senior show.

TOYD 442 - Design Prototyping V (3.00)

The use of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) programs is an essential and necessary skill in the field of Toy Design. These on-campus courses focus on 3D modeling programs such as ZBrush, which is often used in the construction of prototype models. You'll learn advanced modeling and prototyping techniques used in the toy industry. These courses combine instruction on the computer with guidance on the standards required to produce 3D models through output to a rapid prototyping machine.

TOYD 452 - Professional Development I (3.00)

This course is Part I of a two-course professional development series that requires students to engage in an immersive manner on career development and working professionalism by exploring and participating in all facets of career development in the toy and related industries. This course prepares students to explore, navigate and enter the workplace with toy industry specific checklists, resumes, personal brands, websites/portfolios, as well as asset inventories which will be developed, reviewed, and shared throughout the semester as each student engages in the initial phases of their job search. Each student will build a mindful path to their unique and successful career and complete a detailed and comprehensive roadmap for their journey. To gain actionable insights, students must stretch their investigative, verbal, and leadership skills by sharing their knowledge, opinions and experiences with their classmates, instructors, and guest speakers.

LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Capstone experience is a required senior-level course designated to facilitate students' critical reflection on a topic that intersects with their own studio practice, discipline, and/or identity. As the signature course and culminating expression of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Department, the class design allows for independent research and private mentoring through Blended classes that meet synchronously online. The Capstone research process encourages students to apply the skills they've accrued during their time at Otis College to a project that can advance their understanding of their career path and chosen industry. A minimum grade of C- or better on the Capstone paper and course is required to pass.

TOYD 405 - Toy Design VI (3.00)

In these advanced level on-campus courses, students will continue in their development of conceptual, technical, and creative skills and methodologies relating to toy design. Emphasis is placed on identifying future trends and technology and integrating them into the toy design process. Students will have been exposed to different categories of toys and children's products and how those products are part of larger brands and entertainment properties. Students may have participated in summer internships where they gained real world experience and will be able to apply that learning as well as their classroom experience to design and prepare their final projects, portfolio, and senior show. Toy Design studio courses may be sponsored, in which case the toy category or brand would be predetermined.

TOYD 437 - Package Design (3.00)

Branding and packaging play a pivotal role in the success of toy products. This on-campus course emphasizes developing branding strategies and creating three-dimensional package mockups to address a range of packaging styles and retail challenges. In conjunction with marketing considerations, package design must also account for storage, safety, and sustainability factors. Participants can tackle these issues while implementing unique graphic treatments on full-color 3D mockup packages. Upon course completion, attendees will understand various packaging types, including the closed box, window box, tray box, and blister card options. They will recognize the significance of effective communication on packaging to engage consumers.

TOYD 443 - Design Prototyping VI (3.00)

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TOYD 453 - Professional Development II (3.00)

This course is part of a professional development journey that requires each student to engage in a path of focused study on the topic of working professionalism by actively participating in and interacting with classroom simulations, industry speakers, and seminars that will bring the toy industry directly to the classroom in a one-of-a-kind hands on experience. This course provides a solid basis for understanding toy industry practices across the board. It introduces core behaviors, business and industry concepts including but not limited to advertising, brand directional outlines, consumer behavior, costing, legal, logistics, marketing, marketing research, management, manufacturing, merchandising, operations, pricing, product development, sales, and social media as well as workplace recognition and decolonization. Students will understand how this industry scaffold impacts design and how it will affect them as designers.

LIBS 314 - LAS Upper Division Elective (3.00)

This course can be an upper division art history or liberal studies elective. Course offerings vary by semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for specific course offerings.

FOUNDATION PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Our Mission

The Foundation Program at Otis College is a rigorous first-year experience designed to empower a diverse community of makers as they build fundamental skills, critical thinking, problem-solving, research methodologies, social responsibility, and meaningful communication skills in Art and Design.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students in the Foundation Program will:

- Develop and apply fundamental skills to employ the elements and principles of art and design.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills, including the competency to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize collected information to make conscious decisions. Learning to bridge the connections of observations, perspective, problem-solving, and reflection.
- Understand and express multi-sensory fluency: Discern and discover both conventional and unconventional mediums to create relevant content and construct various expressions through effective research, materials, and methods.
- Build career and life skills: Strengthen understanding of academic culture, learning process, and foundational disciplinary requirements and skills that incorporate notions of integrity, civility, and community.
- Develop research skills, strategies, and investigation by interpreting and incorporating appropriate visual and textual research information relevant to the course projects and sources for fostering inventiveness.
- Develop an awareness of social responsibility by working individually and collaboratively to consider the social and environmental impact of art and design.
- Develop communication skills: The ability to communicate ideas orally, visually, and in writing with clarity as is relevant to project goals, purposes, and contexts. Learn these skills through self-reflection and critique.

Degree Requirements

All programs' curricula are developed in response to Program Learning Outcomes, which signify what students learn within a degree program or emphasis area. All program learning outcomes respond to overarching Institutional Learning Outcomes. View the BFA in Animation program learning outcomes [here](#) or request information.

Foundation Fall

FNDT 100 - Form and Figure (3.00)

This course provides a comprehensive study in drawing from observation. Students begin by learning to draw a simple geometrical form, progressing to rendering objects within a compositional setting and drawing the entire human figure based on an investigation of its anatomical structures. Students will develop an awareness of the playful, rhythmic relationships between various components of a compositional setting and the human form, constructing drawings which reflect their unique vision. Drawing techniques such as perspective and isometric projection facilitate successful form generation. Skills of relational measurement, compositional organization, and the accurate placement of form in space, will inform all drawing activities such as drawing objects, figures, and environments, which will enhance students' perceptual abilities.

FNDT 101 - Color and Design (3.00)

Students will create innovative and impactful designs by learning and applying essential elements including, line, shape, color, texture, space, balance, contrast, and rhythm. Utilizing digital and analog tools, students will engage in diverse design challenges, enhancing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as developing their visual literacy and communication abilities. Through this course, students will learn fundamental concepts relevant to today's creative industries, laying a solid foundation for further explorations

CAIL 102 - Contemp Studio & Creative Actn (3.00)

Students explore the built environment, analyzing its physical, spatial, and temporal elements. This course introduces students to art and design fundamentals, including scale, material, measurement, context, and function. They will explore innovative and sustainable solutions using fabrication, technology, studio labs, and joint activities with other classes. This course includes the Creative Action & Integrated Learning (CAIL) component, which encourages engagement with the city of Los Angeles. Students will participate in site visits, lectures, and relevant readings that highlight cultural, social, political, ecological, or economic aspects of responsive design. Throughout the course, students will also develop professionalism and collaboration skills.

AHCS 122 - Visual Culture 1 (3.00)

This introduction to visual culture will address the history of visual communication and the changes that visual culture has undergone up until the 19th century across geographical boundaries, while providing students with the tools to understand the visual culture of the present. The class will address formal analysis, the study and history of materials, techniques, and genres. Students will also learn the semiotic language of visual culture and the socio-cultural contexts framing the history of art, both in the past and present. This course will help students understand how visual objects reflect the cultural context in which they were originally produced and consumed, and how the meaning assigned to them changes over time. This will create bridges for the students to connect to the present visual culture while understanding that images are fluid signs which help create and maintain cultural, social, and political discourses.

ENGL 108 - Writing as Discovery- Advanced (3.00)

How does the world influence you, and how do you influence the world? In this class, you will discover narratives and other texts that reveal the complexity of your identity. You will apply that understanding to a broader exploration of the necessity of empathy in navigating difference in today's global society. You will be invited to turn your curiosity into a research question about a topic that captures your interest. By the end of the semester, you will have completed a personal narrative, learned how to critically analyze diverse texts, and developed research techniques that will be valuable during your academic career and beyond. You will continue to hone these skills in a specialized Thought Lab 2 course of your choosing during your second semester. A minimum grade of "C-" is required to pass this course. Prerequisite: Successful completion of ENGL090 or placement through the Writing Placement Assessment.

Foundation Spring

FNDT 103 - Exp Studio:Drawing (3.00)

These drawing courses are designed to support students in preparation for their chosen majors. Students will experiment with various materials and mediums while exploring a broad spectrum of approaches to drawing as an active form of thinking, seeing, and understanding. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDT 104 - Exp Studio Dimensional Studies (3.00)

Dimensional Studies explores the tangible world, built environment, and object making. Courses are offered in a variety of mediums and investigate a range of topics including spatial analysis and thinking, material experimentation, form design, digital fabrication, hand skills, and building strategies while creating in 3 dimensional and 4-dimensional space. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDT 105 - Exp Studio Transmedia (3.00)

Transmedia explores strategies for visual communication. A range of cross-disciplinary studio courses investigate multi-model applications for conveying bold ideas through form. Courses invite innovative approaches to contemporary media, strengthening fluency in design principles and cultural literacy. See the schedule of classes for course offerings and course descriptions.

FNDT 150 - Major Studio Elective (3.00)

See schedule of courses for specific course offerings. Introductory courses focusing topics within a specific studio department.

AHCS 123 - Visual Culture 2 (3.00)

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LIBS 115 - Thought Lab 2 (3.00)

Where do your curiosities in the world lead you? How can you transform general interest in a subject into specific knowledge that can fuel a creative practice? Building on concepts from Thought Lab I, Thought Lab II will allow you to take a deep dive into a themed seminar of your choosing. Seminar themes may range from environmental and social justice to narrative to technology. These courses will invite you to explore a special topic through a variety of media to deepen your understanding of key events that have shaped its history. By the end of the semester, you will complete assignments which may include an exploratory essay or a research paper, and ultimately, a creative translation of course themes. Four Potential Themes: Narrative Story & Culture Technology: From Industrial Design to AI Media: Materials and Meaning Environmental + Social Justice

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Our Mission

The Liberal Arts and Sciences are the nexus of all education, providing us with the tools to understand the past, negotiate the present, and create the future. Without them we are lost; with them, we can reimagine anything.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate ideas in a coherent, logical, and compelling way for different purposes and audiences.
- Identify issues clearly, synthesize and contextualize relevant sources, and make connections across experiences and disciplinary perspectives to create well-reasoned and imaginative approaches to issues, problems, and challenges.
- Develop skills to locate, evaluate, and use information resources from both traditional and emerging technologies appropriately, effectively, and ethically.
- Develop collaborative skills to construct knowledge, negotiate effective outcomes, and generate new insights.
- Forge interdisciplinary connections among the liberal arts and sciences, studio, and community.
- Develop cultural awareness in a global context

Degree Requirements

Degree Requirements

Liberal Arts and Sciences courses and credits for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree make up one-third of the credits required for graduation with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. The three credit courses are distributed among the following: Liberal Arts and Sciences course designations and abbreviated as follows:

- Art History (AHCS)
- English (ENGL)
- Liberal Studies (LIBS)
- Social Science Critical Studies (SSCI)
- Natural Sciences Critical Studies (NSCI)
- Mathematics (MATH)
- Creative Action Integrated Learning (CAIL)

Required Foundation Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses

Your studio major determines the overall number of LAS credits you need to complete. However, students in all majors are required to fulfill the courses listed below in their Foundation (first) year:

- Visual Culture 1: Gateways to Art and Culture AHCS122 - 3 credits
- Visual Culture 2: Unpacking Art, Power, and Modernity AHCS123 - 3 credits
- Writing as Discovery: Thought Lab 1 ENGL108 - 3 credits
- Exploration into Making: Thought Lab 2: Exploration into Making LIBS115 - 3 credits

Transfer students may be able to receive credit for these courses. If you have any questions about specific classes on your transcript, contact Academic Advising.

Based on the Writing Placement Assessment, students may be required to take the following prerequisites before enrolling in their English classes: ENGL020, ENGL050, ENGL 090, or the following co-requisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL103 Writing Labs.

Required Liberal Study Courses by Major

Animation

AHCS224 Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture (3)

AHCS228 Art History of Animation (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

LIBS214 Sophomore Elective (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (6)

MATH136 Math Elective (3)

NSCI307 Natural Science Elective (3)

SSCI210 Social Science Elective (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Fashion Design

AHCS224 Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture (3)

AHCS234 History of Costume (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

LIBS210 Contemporary Fashion Issues (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (3)

MATH136 Math Elective (3)

NSCI315 Textile Science (3)

SSCI210 Social Science Elective (3)

LIBS414 Business of Fashion (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Fine Arts

AHCS226 Contemporary Art Survey (3)

AHCS237 Seminar I: DEI in Global Art and Culture (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

LIBS238 Seminar II: DEI in Global Art and Culture (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (6)

MATH136 Math Elective (3)

NSCI307 Natural Science Elective (3)

SSCI210 Social Science Elective (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Game and Entertainment Design

AHCS224 Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture (3)

AHCS228 Art History of Games (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

LIBS214 Sophomore Elective (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (6)

MATH247 Programming/Scripting for Games (3)

NSCI307 Natural Science Elective (3)

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SSCI213 Cultural and Social Design for Games (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Graphic Design

AHCS224 Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture (3)

AHCS222 History of Graphic Design and Illustration (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

LIBS214 Sophomore Elective (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (6)

MATH136 Math Elective (3)

NSCI307 Natural Science Elective (3)

SSCI210 Social Science Elective (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Illustration

AHCS224 Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture (3)

AHCS222 History of Graphic Design and Illustration (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

LIBS214 Sophomore Elective (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (6)

MATH136 Math Elective (3)

NSCI307 Natural Science Elective (3)

SSCI210 Social Science Elective (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Product Design

AHCS224 Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture (3)

AHCS225 History and Future of Product Design (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

LIBS214 Sophomore Elective (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (6)

MATH136 Math Elective (3)

NSCI319 Human Factors in Product Design (3)

SSCI210 Social Science Elective (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Toy Design

AHCS224 Theories and Trends in Contemporary Art, Media and Culture (3)

AHCS236 History of Toys (3)

CAIL200 Creative Action Lecture (3)

31508 Methods and Materials (3)

LIBS314 Upper Division Elective (6)

MATH136 Math Elective (3)

NSCI308 Human Factors in Toy Design (3)

SSCI211 Child Psychology: Development and Play (3)

LIBS440 Capstone (3)

Otis Honors Program

The Otis College LAS Honors Program brings motivated, academically oriented students together as a cohort for four years of study, providing them advanced, cross-disciplinary coursework with agency over what they investigate. During their Foundation year, Honors students participate in a core curriculum addressing the intersections of art, design, ideology, social responsibility, and sustainability. As sophomores, Honors students will experience an immersive Los Angeles art and culture experience through their Art History requirement. During their junior year, students dive deeper into the Liberal

Arts and Sciences departmental themes of identity, diversity, creativity, social responsibility, and sustainability to satisfy their upper division LAS elective. The program culminates with an Honors Capstone course in the fall semester of senior year and a final social event in the spring.

In order to remain in the Honors Program, students must satisfy two criteria:

Students must pass their Honors courses with a grade of C or better Students must retain a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Qualified students may apply into the Honors Program between semesters prior to their junior year. Transfer students or students that join the program after their Foundation year will be required to complete a minimum of three classes in order to graduate from the Honors Program.

To graduate from the Honors Program, entering Foundation students will complete seven Honors Level courses at Otis barring exceptional circumstances. Students with Advanced Placement credit or who are hoping to pursue a minor may be approved to have some Honors courses applied toward other requirements, or required Minor courses approved for Honors credit.

English Requirements

Initial placement in English courses is determined by the Writing Placement Assessment. A grade of "C-" or better must be earned in order to pass the Foundation year required course ENGL108 Writing as Discovery: Thought Lab 1.

Based on the Writing Placement Assessment, students may be required to take the following prerequisites before enrolling in the required ENGL108 course: ENGL 020, ENGL 050, ENGL 090, and/or the co-requisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL 103 Writing Labs.

The ENGL 102 Writing Lab is required for students who place in ENGL 020, ENGL 050 and ENGL 090. Many of the reading and writing assignments are connected to their concurrent Art History course Visual Culture I (AHCS122) or Thought Lab II (LIBS115) classes. These language skills reinforcement classes and writing labs serve as bridges to student success in future Liberal Arts and Sciences courses. *A grade of "C" or better is required to pass ENGL 020, ENGL 050 and ENGL 090.*

Liberal Arts and Sciences Course Offerings

All Liberal Arts and Sciences courses are 3 credits unless otherwise noted.

Students may take Natural Science, Social Science, and Math courses off campus, unless a specific course at Otis is required by their major.

Students may not take Art History, English, Creative Action Integrated Learning or Capstone courses off campus without the written permission of the Chair of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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MFA IN FINE ARTS

Our Mission

The MFA program provides an artistic learning environment where artists of different backgrounds, ages, experiences, and approaches to creative practice can flourish together. Our courses, events, studios, labs, galleries, and social spaces are welcoming places where everyone in our community can develop as artists and as engaged participants in society. The program encourages emerging artists to think critically and challenge existing modes of expression.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students in MFA Fine Arts will:

- Conceive, develop, and execute a successful body of work that reflects critical engagement with their interests, experiences, and values.
- Conduct a robust and sustained research inquiry into a range of intellectual and critical disciplines in art and other related disciplines in order to develop a rich set of informational resources and an authentic, independent point of view.
- Locate their own studio practice within the field of art history, criticism, and theory, based in deep examination of current issues and discourses.
- Develop advanced capabilities with technologies that will aid in the creation, dissemination, and documentation of their work.
- Develop and practice the written and spoken communication skills needed to effectively articulate conceptual and aesthetic agendas to public and art world audiences.
- Cultivate the self-confidence, self-reliance, and camaraderie necessary to sustain a professional career.

Degree Requirements

All programs' curricula are developed in response to Program Learning Outcomes, which signify what students learn within a degree program or emphasis area. All program learning outcomes respond to overarching Institutional Learning Outcomes. View the MFA in Fine Arts program learning outcomes here or request information.

1st Semester

AHCS 585 - Special Topics in Art History I (3.00)

This course spotlights a different subject and instructor each semester. Instructors offer their own expertise on topics relating to contemporary issues involved in artistic practice. Attendance at Visiting Artists Lecture Series (VALS) is required as part of this course.

GRAD 700 - Graduate Studio (3.00)

Graduate Studio is a 6-hour course structured around dedicated studio time and one-on-one studio visits between students and faculty members. This two-year course sequence focuses on each individual student's practice, specifically directed toward an interrogation of the aesthetic, conceptual, and technical issues arising out of their work. It will culminate in the end-of-semester review during which the student and a review committee will discuss and evaluate the development of the student's practice as observed over the course of the semester within the framework of the seminar. Prerequisite: The four course sequence must be taken successively and may not be taken concurrently.

GRAD 740 - Graduate Critique (3.00)

In this two-year course sequence, all graduate students, regardless of media, individually present work to their peers and faculty for a collective in-depth discussion about the work's material, theoretical, and cultural positioning. The course provides an in-depth discussion and investigation of how an artist's work is perceived as a public statement and how one's work exists in the world.

AHCS 650 - Critical Theory & Practice I (3.00)

This two-semester course is a cross-disciplinary investigation of the various intersections of the realms of the aesthetic and the political, and engages in questions of humanity, power, and representation. We will discuss how orderings of social relations become manifest in the world and how the political becomes 'sensible'. Through the discussion of assigned readings, we will develop an understanding of the ways in which visual cultural production provides the very frameworks for what becomes perceptible and legible. We will consider how works of art can produce encounters that slow our perceptual operations and reading capabilities in a world of easily disseminated, readymade perspectives in service of dominant values and worldviews. Assigned texts will bridge and interrogate the discourses of class, race, gender, disability, art, and the social realm. We will discuss how artists and theorists have responded to the representational politics of the present moment in order to locate individual practices within the larger cultural and socio-political environment. Our goal will be the development of individual, subjective voices within a collective, collaborative, and relational process.

ELEC 599 - Graduate Studio Elective (3.00)

Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

2nd Semester

AHCS 585 - Special Topics in Art History I (3.00)

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AHCS 651 - Critical Theory and Practice 2 (3.00)

ELEC 599 - Graduate Studio Elective (3.00)

Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

3rd Semester

GRAD 700 - Graduate Studio (3.00)

Graduate Studio is a 6-hour course structured around dedicated studio time and one-on-one studio visits between students and faculty members. This two-year course sequence focuses on each individual student's practice, specifically directed toward an interrogation of the aesthetic, conceptual, and technical issues arising out of their work. It will culminate in the end-of-semester review during which the student and a review committee will discuss and evaluate the development of the student's practice as observed over the course of the semester within the framework of the seminar. Prerequisite: The four course sequence must be taken successively and may not be taken concurrently.

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GRAD 776 - Professional Practice (3.00)

We will be analyzing the definition of PROFESSIONAL and PRACTICE, singularly and in tandem and how they apply to real life situations. In relationship to determining how "one presents themselves", we will access and research grants, residencies, jobs, etc. Applications, contacts, and experience will be both analyzed and explored. In addition basic artist survival skills and sustainability issues will be discussed in depth. As this is a seminar; discussion and presentation in conjunction with outside support, will form the basis of this course. Student interests and concerns will be addressed. Attendance at Visiting Artists Lecture Series (VALS) is required as part of this course.

LIBS 774 - Thesis I (3.00)

This course supports students in the development of their written thesis about their work and practice. Students will acquire critical writing skills that will prepare them for the literary demands of an artist, including grant applications.

ELEC 599 - Graduate Studio Elective (3.00)

Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

4th Semester

GRAD 700 - Graduate Studio (3.00)

Graduate Studio is a 6-hour course structured around dedicated studio time and one-on-one studio visits between students and faculty members. This two-year course sequence focuses on each individual student's practice, specifically directed toward an interrogation of the aesthetic, conceptual, and technical issues arising out of their work. It will culminate in the end-of-semester review during which the student and a review committee will discuss and evaluate the development of the student's practice as observed over the course of the semester within the framework of the seminar. Prerequisite: The four course sequence must be taken successively and may not be taken concurrently.

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GRAD 777 - Exhibition Preparation (3.00)

The goal of this course is to seek out both group and individual needs to attain one's goals as they relate to the presentation and production of an individual Thesis Show. In addition, issues that deal with and about art post-graduation will also be addressed. What it means to be an artist will be challenged and articulated for each individual. Attendance at Visiting Artists Lecture Series (VALS) is required as part of this course.

LIBS 775 - Thesis II (3.00)

This course encourages and trains students to write a thesis about their own work through the development of the requisite critical writing skills that will serve them in the future when applying for grants as well as preparing them for the literary demands of an artist.

ELEC 599 - Graduate Studio Elective (3.00)

Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

MFA IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

Our Mission

The Otis MFA in Graphic Design program is a community of students, faculty, and international and Los Angeles-based designers dedicated to visual research and discovery through making. We blend design exploration, critical inquiry, and applied projects to interrogate and better the field of graphic design. We partner with organizations and engage in studio visits and travel to foster impact beyond the classroom.

Students use curriculum to explore visual culture and critical thinking and making, while faculty develop curriculum in response to students and contemporary culture.

During the course of study, students work across platforms to complete a series of studio projects. Writing and discussions enrich in-class making; students and faculty learn from each other. Coursework engages research, discourse, and the iterative process with the goal of discovering many possible outcomes. In so doing, the program supports students in taking on the challenges and opportunities in contemporary graphic design practice.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students in Graduate Graphic Design will:

- Conceive, design, and execute a successful body of work that reflects candidate's interests, agendas, and values.
- Develop work that engages communities and contexts which address technological, social and economic conditions.
- Conduct a robust and sustained inquiry into graphic design practice and its artifacts, with deep examination of current issues and ideas.
- Develop a critical iterative process and criteria for assessing research, information and design outcomes.
- Cultivate working methodologies and formal agility across media and platforms.
- Articulate a set of ideological and aesthetic agendas for future practice.

Degree Requirements

All programs' curricula are developed in response to Program Learning Outcomes, which signify what students learn within a degree program or emphasis area. All program learning outcomes respond to overarching Institutional Learning Outcomes. View the MFA in Graphic Design program learning outcomes here or request information.

1st Semester

GRDS 601 - Seminar Studio I (3.00)

Students work in a collaborative learning environment on a theme-based project, focusing on inquiry, research, discourse. This fourterm course encourages a wide range of opinions, with course outcomes exploring media literacy and critical form-making. Faculty will provide the opportunity for in-depth discussion and critique as well as to connect research to conceptual and formal investigation. Together students and faculty work collectively and individually to produce publishable outcomes that will contribute to design scholarship.

GRDS 655 - Seminar Round Table (3.00)

Students discuss issues pertaining to being an active designer in the world. Led by guests invited from various disciplines, students look at design from philosophic, historical, and theoretical positions. The course provides an opportunity to speak at length about the value of inquiry, research, and engagement in issues and disciplines outside graphic design. On occasion students will have the opportunity to engage with Visiting Artists in special events or meetings.

GRDS 670 - Graduate Studio (3.00)

Graduate Studio focuses on critical iterative processes. Throughout the course students cultivate working methodologies to discover varied outcomes through working fluidly across media. With guidance and mentorship from the faculty, students begin to develop a body of work reflecting their interests, agendas, and values.

AHCS 577 - Contemp. Graphic Design Issues (3.00)

This course is total immersion into the field of graphic design. Current and critically important figures will be covered; students will be given tools to use in their practice to ensure that they are informed on the discipline on a global scale. In addition, students will begin to engage visiting artists in dialogue during lectures.

GRDS 711 - Visiting Artists Projects (3.00)

Visiting Artist Projects consists of workshops where visiting artists from around the United States and abroad lead groups of students through a short-term, socially relevant themed projects. Outcomes fall somewhere between speculation and real-world design solutions with an aim to inspire all parties to apply design thinking in an innovative way.

2nd Semester

GRDS 623 - Graduate Typography (3.00)

This course is a graduate level exploration to the fundamentals of typography and typographic systems and letterforms. Students will explore the theoretical and applied use of type as visual form and visible language by learning the nuances of type families, texture, hierarchy, grid, composition, and sequence.

ELEC 599 - Graduate Studio Elective (3.00)

Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

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Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

3rd Semester

GRDS 665 - Entrepreneurship (3.00)

This course is designed for graduate students that are interested in starting their own business and or freelance business. Students will be introduced to all facets of running a business, such as writing a business plan, promotion, developing a client base, pricing, legal and financial aspects as well as ethical standards. Students will be exposed to guest lectures from a variety of business areas such as small business owners, a life coach, accountant/bookkeeper and an attorney, on the proper way to set-up and run a business.

AHCS 587 - Models of Practice (3.00)

In this course students will work to contextualize their future practice through close examination of their own body of work, research, and on and off-site visits with contemporary design practitioners. The course will provide opportunities to experience the many roles that designers can play today focusing on the way practice models continue to evolve in response to socio economic technological, cultural, economic and political conditions.

GRDS 701 - Seminar Studio II (3.00)

Students work in a collaborative learning environment on a theme-based project, focusing on inquiry, research, discourse. This four-term course encourages a wide range of opinions, with course outcomes exploring media literacy and critical form-making. Faculty will provide the opportunity for in-depth discussion and critique as well as to connect research to conceptual and formal investigation. Together students and faculty work collectively and individually to produce publishable outcomes that will contribute to design scholarship.

ELEC 599 - Graduate Studio Elective (3.00)

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Graduate level studio elective course. See department for specific courses.

4th Semester

GRDS 702 - Seminar Studio IV (3.00)

Students work in a collaborative learning environment on a theme-based project, focusing on inquiry, research, discourse. This four-term course encourages a wide range of opinions, with course outcomes exploring media literacy and critical form-making. Faculty will provide the opportunity for in-depth discussion and critique as well as to connect research to conceptual and formal investigation. Together students and faculty work collectively and individually to produce publishable outcomes that will contribute to design scholarship.

GRDS 655 - Seminar Round Table (3.00)

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GRDS 770 - Final Studio (6.00)

Unlike a traditional thesis project our department recognizes the value of finishing the degree with a series of wide-ranging artifacts. Based on the work and research generated in the previous 3 semesters, students frame a position and a future practice that moves seamlessly through time and space.

GRDS 711 - Visiting Artists Projects (3.00)

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ART HISTORY MINOR

Our Mission:

The Art History minor offers students an opportunity to focus on an expanded range of historical and cultural ideas about art and art making. The minor provides a guided and structured approach to diverse critical methods for exploring the cultural creation, meaning, dissemination, and impact of visual images, objects, and practices.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Art History minor will:

- Develop and articulate connections across applied studio and Liberal Studies disciplinary perspectives.
- Analyze and contextualize the art historical canon(s) as tools for critical and creative problem solving, both as students and future working artist designers.
- Identify and analyze the broad history of both Western and non-Western art production in ways that connect those histories to real-world applications in current and future creative job markets.
- Demonstrate critical and imaginative approaches to the study of art history, past and contemporary, that challenge and reverse normalized, center-periphery binaries privileging western over indigenous, abled/neuro-typical over disabled/neurodivergent, cis over diverse genders.
- Develop visual and information literacy skills in order to locate, critically evaluate, and use resources from both traditional and emerging technologies effectively and ethically
- Demonstrate an awareness of how art's diverse histories connect artists to social justice, engagement with community, and a robust respect for equity, difference, and inclusion.

Minor Courses

AHCS 226 - FA Contemporary Art Survey (3.00)

This is a survey of contemporary fine art on a global stage. Required for All Fine Arts majors and Art History, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture/ New Genres minors.

AHCS 310 - Topics in Art History (3.00)

AHCS 310 are elective Art History courses that address a variety of issues in fine art and visual culture. Course offerings vary each semester. See the Liberal Arts and Sciences department for course offerings and course descriptions.

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LIBS 440 - Capstone (3.00)

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Capstone experience is a required senior-level course designated to facilitate students' critical reflection on a topic that intersects with their own studio practice, discipline, and/or identity. As the signature course and culminating expression of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Department, the class design allows for independent research and private mentoring through Blended classes that meet synchronously online. The Capstone research process encourages students to apply the skills they've accrued during their time at Otis College to a project that can advance their understanding of their career path and chosen industry. A minimum grade of C- or better on the Capstone paper and course is required to pass.

*It is recommended that at least one AHCS310 course has a non-western focus. Students who have a discipline specific art/design history requirement for their major may have that count towards one AHCS310 elective.

**LIBS440 Capstone paper should address an Art History topic. LIBS440 Capstone/Senior Thesis for Fine Arts majors will fulfill this requirement. Students who have a dedicated capstone for their major will complete one capstone course that combines both their major and minor

ART AND DESIGN EDUCATION MINOR

Our Mission:

The Art and Design Education minor prepares students for a range of professional practices as socially engaged artists, designers and educators in diverse communities and contexts including K-12 schools, museum education departments, community art centers, correctional facilities, therapeutic arts programs, public art, design companies that focus on educational materials, and the use of art and design as an agent for positive social change.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Art and Design Education minor will:

- Develop and articulate the relationship between simultaneous and equally valued practices as artists/designers and educators. Demonstrate an understanding of the practices and theories of art and design education and community engagement.
- Demonstrate an understanding of career opportunities for K-12 and community-based and teaching artists/designers.
- Develop, and in some cases implement, in person and online projects for school and/or community settings that are innovative, engaging, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive.
- Synthesize and analyze the connections between history and theory of art and design education and community engagement and the realities of what happens in the classroom, studio and/or community setting.

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LIBS 311 - Teaching for Learning I (3.00)

Art and Design educators make a huge impact on students of all ages. The arts are often what keep K-12 students engaged in learning, whether it is taught as a discrete subject or integrated into other subjects. Arts education can help adult learners develop new skills and stay connected to their communities. In this introductory course, you will gain a historical overview of education and art development theories and philosophies while exploring models of art and design education such as student-centered, discipline-based, standards-based, and arts integration. You will observe local elementary, middle, high

school and community arts classrooms to understand how all this theory plays out in practice. You will also learn to write your own lesson plans for a K-12, community or adult audiences and practice teaching to your peers in the class. This is your chance to begin to transform art and design education systems to be more diverse, equitable and inclusive. Required for Art and Design Education minors.

SSCI 214 - Community Arts in LA (3.00)

What is the importance of community-based cultural capital in a city made of concrete and cars? Does art play a role in building communities and creating culture, when speculative real estate is the city's leading industry? In this course we will uncover the relationship artists and designers have with building communities and creating localized cultures, and how specific Los Angeles communities have used art as a means to occupy political territories over time. Students will research the gritty urban history of Los Angeles in addition to the diverse history of art in LA. We will meet with contemporary artists and designers working in specific neighborhoods, to learn how they create cultural agency and cultivate a rich sense of place. For the signature assignment, students will apply the local urban history and historical research to their own proposals for working with local communities to create positive change through socially engaged art.

LIBS 313 - Teaching for Learning II (3.00)

Building on Teaching for Learning I, this course provides further development of your knowledge and skills as future art and design educators. Through readings, reflections, and discussions you will synthesize education theories and philosophies emphasizing aesthetic development in youth and adults, museum and community settings, public practices, critical pedagogy, classroom management, English Language Learners, Special Education, and best practices such as trauma informed teaching, culturally responsive teaching, and anti-racist / anti-biased practices. You will build your own curricula, write lesson plans, and hone your teaching skills by collaborating with a local art/design educator to teach a lesson to their students – while being videotaped for your portfolio. This is your chance to refine your pedagogy (teaching practice) and update your teaching philosophy and portfolio in preparation for a career as a credentialed art teacher or a community-based teaching artist/designer. Required for Teacher Credential Preparation and Community Arts Engagement minors. Prerequisite: LIBS313 Teaching for Learning I.

ADED 336 - Teaching Internship (3.00)

In this Blended Course, students will synthesize and analyze the connections between history and theory of art and design education and community engagement and the realities of what happens in the classroom, studio and/or community setting. Students will do so by participating in a 10 week internship assisting with a K-12 school, museum education department, cultural organization, or a socially engaged artist /designer of their choice. This field experience along with readings, videos and discussions provide the opportunity to expand and reflect on one's understanding of education theory and community engagement, all of which culminates in the development of a professional online teaching portfolio.

ADED 299 - Art& Design Education Elective (3.00)

*Students will choose Art and Design Education Electives from the Minors Course Lists, selected by the Interdisciplinary Studies Director and Minor Area Head, in collaboration with each Academic Department. Examples include: ADED300 Special Topics, CAIL300 Creative Action Studio (if taken a second time), SSCI211 Child Psychology, and studio courses outside of their major or area of emphasis that expand their art/design making skills.

CONCEPT ART MINOR

Our Mission:

In the Concept Art minor students explore the intersections of Illustration, Animation, Game Design and Entertainment Design while developing technical skills in hand drawing and painting from observation, digital drawing and painting, and a range of AI techniques to design characters, props and environments.

Participating Departments

The Concept Art minor is open to all undergraduate majors.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Concept Art Minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

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ANIM 220 - Design & Drawing for Animation I (3.00)

In this course students will learn how to apply research, critical analysis, brainstorming, and improvisational techniques to enhance a students' drawing capabilities with a focus on space and objects in space. Emphasis is on developing a basic understanding of, and familiarity with, perspective as a means of organizing space and defining a point of view. This course combines the exploration of how our minds work with hands-on, immersive, fun exercises utilizing our perceptions, observations, and senses to discover how each of us best create new work.

GAME 220 - Design & Drawing for Game I (3.00)

This 15-week Design and Drawing for Games course covers the fundamentals of game art and design, Props and Assets, character and environment design, storytelling, worldbuilding, animation, and portfolio development. Students will learn to create 2D and 3D game assets, design game characters and environments, translate game scripts, and develop a personal brand for their game design portfolio. The course includes a mid-term project, where students will create a concept art package for a game character or environment, and a final project where students will design a game level or world that includes a narrative, environment design, character design, and animation, and present it in the form of a pitch package with a playable demo or video walkthrough. By the end of the course, students will have the skills and knowledge to prepare for a career in game art and design.

ILUS 212 - Drawing and Painting I (3.00)

Drawing and Painting I is one of two consecutive courses for sophomore illustrators that introduces students to a variety of drawing and painting materials and methods used by professional working artists and illustrators to communicate narratives. To develop these necessary skills, special emphasis is given to representational drawing as a fundamental means for thinking, looking, and authorship. Drawing and Painting I will guide students through the stages of completing a project from concept sketches to finished drawings using value, line, observation, appropriate materials, dry and wet techniques, composition, narrative and development of a unique style using traditional media.

GDIL 333 - ST: Propaganda (3.00)

* Animation and Game Design majors must take ILUS212

**A limited choice of Studio and LAS courses will count as Concept Art Minor Electives, as determined each semester by the Interdisciplinary Studies Director, Animation Chair, Game and Entertainment Design Chair and Graphic Design/Illustration Chair. Students choose three electives that are not also requirements of their majors.

See Animation, Game and Entertainment Design, Graphic Design, Illustration, and Liberal Arts and Sciences for course descriptions.

CONTEMPORARY CLAY MINOR

Our Mission:

The Contemporary Clay Minor will provide students the opportunity to explore several aspects of working in clay from the handmade to the mass produced, including utilitarian objects, unique sculptures, and installations utilizing the multiple. Students learn a combination of hand-building, potter's wheel throwing, slip-casting, glazing, and firing techniques as well as new 3-D and 2-D printing methods. Environmental and financial sustainability will also be emphasized.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in Contemporary Clay Minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Minor Courses

PRDS 362 - Beginning Ceramics (3.00)

This introductory is designed for students in all disciplines. The course is new to the field of ceramics, pushing traditional and historic boundaries and blending them with the state-of-the-art technology. In this project driven studio students learn a variety of hand building techniques such as Potter's wheel, plaster hump, slump, hollow and solid 2-piece plaster molds; extruder, slab coil combined with the use of 3-D printing technology.

SCNG 236 - Ceramics (3.00)

This sculpture elective will teach fundamental skills of working with clay. You will learn the foundational skills of wheel throwing and hand building: centering and forming shapes on the wheel, wedging, pinching, coiling, soft and hard slab construction, building and assembling in parts, using a banding wheel, and various ways to manipulate the surface of the clay, such as carving, stamping, printing, drawing, painting, and glazing. You will learn how kilns work and various ways to fire the clay, with an introduction to how different glazes and clays react to different firing techniques. Exposure to the historical use and international variety of techniques in ceramics will be integrated into the contemporary context. This is an introductory course; no experience is necessary.

CLAY 299 - Clay Electives (3.00)

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*Clay Electives include any ceramics class offered across the college, as well as other applicable courses on related topics as determined each semester by the Minor Area Head and Director of Interdisciplinary Studies. Examples include: CAIL200 Made in USA, LIBS314 Business of Creativity, ENTR300 Intro. to Entrepreneurship, INTR330 ST: Design Lab, and PRDS462 ST: Packaging

CREATIVE WRITING MINOR

Our Mission:

The Creative Writing minor offers art and design students an opportunity to give voice and shape to their creativity through a variety of written expressive forms. The minor provides guidance and support to students in a structured environment to develop their writing, and an exciting way to explore their personal visions through workshops and lectures.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Creative Writing minor will:

- Identify and employ writing techniques and habits that allow critical thought and expression.
- Develop an understanding of genre and explore writing in multiple forms.
- Demonstrate the habits of revision, workshop, close reading, and submission for publication.
- Recognize the political and social elements of a text and demonstrate multiple critical approaches.
- Experiment with the relationship between text and image and identify intersections between writing and chosen major.
- Demonstrate an understanding of meaning, justice, and community in literature and in personal writing practice.

Minor Courses

LIBS 212 - Creative Writing Workshop I (3.00)

LIBS 312 - Creative Writing Workshop II (3.00)

An introduction to the experience and practice of writing fiction and poetry. Includes visits by guest writers in a workshop setting. Students produce a portfolio of writing in revised and publishable form. This course is restricted to students who have submitted a writing sample to the Liberal Studies Department. Required for Creative Writing minors.

LIBS 316 - Reading Visiting Writers (3.00)

Love a book and wish you could meet and speak with its author? You can. Built around the Visiting Writers Series which brings poets, fiction writers and essayists to Otis from around the country, in this Synchronous Online course, you'll read and discuss selected works by authors in advance of their visits. You'll meet the authors, listen to them read, talk about their writing and about aspects of contemporary literary culture. You'll get the opportunity to connect personally, ask the writers about their work, their experiences, their lives as artists. For the signature assignment, you'll have the option of developing and delivering an introduction to a visiting author or writing a creative reflection on a writer, their writing, and your own practice.

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LIBS 442 - Capstone: Creative Writing (3.00)

*A limited choice of Upper Division Liberal Studies elective courses will count as Creative Writing Minor Electives, as determined each semester by the Interdisciplinary Studies Director, LAS Chair, and Creative Writing Minor Head.

** Students who have a dedicated capstone for their major will complete one capstone course that combines both their major and minor

DIGITAL MEDIA MINOR

Our Mission:

The Digital Media minor provides students with the opportunity to explore skills related to creative designers, artists, and storytellers in animation, game design, motion design, visual effects and concept art for film, television, video games and advertising industries.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in Digital Media Minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Course Requirements

Digital Media Minor Required Courses: 15 credits of Digital Media courses

This can be 5 studio courses or 4 studio courses + 1 LAS course.

Students select courses based on guidance from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor Area Heads and Academic Advisors and must follow prerequisites when applicable. For the full list of courses that will count for this minor, along with recommended courses to take first, see the Minors Course Lists on the Registration page of the Dashboard (my.otis.edu). Students are advised to take minor classes in place of studio electives (or in place of one LAS elective), or for majors without electives by taking one extra class in each of 5 semesters spread out between sophomore and senior year.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINOR

Our Mission:

Students who minor in Entrepreneurship will dive deep into the world of start-ups, small businesses, and solo-preneurship within the Creative Economy. This minor will prepare students to enrich our world by forming their own studio, office, firm or organization, develop their work (products and services), and market themselves for visibility, recognition, and success.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Entrepreneurship Minor will:

- Use quantitative and qualitative analytical and critical thinking skills to evaluate information, solve problems, and make sound business/entrepreneurial decisions.
- Express creative and innovative entrepreneurial pursuits in visual, written and oral forms.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the legal, social, ethical and environmental impacts of various art and design business models and practices.
- Demonstrate familiarity with different leadership theories and identify their own leadership style, tendencies, and potential areas for growth and improvement.
- Develop and launch innovative, sustainable, and viable creative businesses.

Course Requirements

Minor Courses

ENTR 301 - Intro to Entrepreneurship (3.00)

How can you turn your hard-earned art and design school education into a career? How can what you've learned and what you create be monetized to create a meaningful and sustainable life's work? This course introduces you to Entrepreneurship and the basics of creating and operating a business. You will learn concepts of visioning, planning and budgeting, fundraising, marketing, promotion and leadership, both in theory and in practice. You will be exposed to the legal and business underpinnings of operating any sort of enterprise, learn how to protect their art and their integrity, and discuss concepts of ethics within the context of the marketplace. In addition, the course will cover the tricks and techniques of pitching a project, as well as the necessary ingredients of a successful business plan. Guest speakers who have launched their own businesses (representing a wide range of art and design disciplines) will present best practices. Required for Entrepreneurship minors. Open to all others as a studio elective.

MATH 137 - Money Matters (3.00)

This introductory course introduces non-financial professionals to the basic tenets of personal financial planning concepts for effectively understanding their own finances and using them in their own commercial enterprises to record and manage business operations (accounting, inventory management, marketing, sales forecasting, and financial analysis). Students will learn the math concepts necessary for time value of money managing and calculations and will gain a basic understanding of budgeting and cash flow, credit, banking, saving, investments (fixed income, stocks, mutual funds), insurance, long-term planning (retirement, education, etc.), taxation, employment benefits. The course will include the basic principles of elementary arithmetic, elementary algebra, statistics and probability. Required for Entrepreneurship minors.

LIBS 317 - Social Entrepreneurship (3.00)

What role do non-profit entities play in the art world and beyond? What is social entrepreneurship? How do the goals of non-profit arts concerns differ from their for-profit counterparts? This course will examine the current climate for non-profit arts organizations generally and start-ups, in particular, especially those involved in public service, charity work, education, and social justice. Students will research and debate various issues while considering how these may affect their future endeavors. In addition, students will work in groups on a self-generated, unique social entrepreneurship project, where they are encouraged to address social, environmental, and/or cultural issues that interest and motivate them. Students will gain insight into the realities of managing a non-profit arts enterprise by participating in the simulated launch and management of the business concept they designed.

LIBS 318 - Business Communication (3.00)

What do you need when you have a great product and a meeting with a potential investor or funder? How do you present a proposal and tell the story of your brand through social media? Learn to hone your business communication for your entrepreneurial endeavor in this online course. Through case studies and critiques, you will learn the art of naming and creating taglines. You will do market research, and write a product positioning, and brand story. By semester's end, you will present your business proposal as a pecha kucha to potential investors and industry leaders. Required for Entrepreneurship minors. Prerequisite: ENTR300 Entrepreneurial Internship. Co-requisite: ENTR400 Launchpad.

ENTR 401 - Launchpad (3.00)

The time has come to employ what you've learned about Entrepreneurship and about yourselves as part of the Entrepreneurship Minor, through your major and all your other classes. What do you want to do and make professionally, and how can you monetize it to create a satisfying, challenging and sustainable career? Functioning as an Incubator this class provides you with the opportunity to define and develop the creative business you want to launch after graduation. In tandem with the Business Writing course, you'll focus on Strategic Planning, Business Plan writing, Marketing and Project Management, Business Loan and Venture Capital processes. You'll also receive expert advice from successful, creative entrepreneurs across a range of disciplines through one-on-one mentor meetings. You will be required to create real world, as well as more 'academic,' deliverables, and accurately chart out the beginnings of an actual business that will launch your career as a creative entrepreneur.

*These courses must be taken as co-requisites.

FINE ARTS: PAINTING MINOR**Our Mission:**

The Painting minor provides students the opportunity to explore the technical, formal, historical and theoretical approaches to painting through a combination of studio and art history courses. Explorations in oil, acrylic and mixed media as well as analysis of contemporary practices lead to students developing personal strategies in painting.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Painting Minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Participating Departments

The Painting minor is open to students majoring in Animation, Game and Entertainment Design, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Illustration, Product Design and Toy Design. Painting minors will only participate in the Senior Show of their home department, however depending on space availability they may utilize Fine Arts Senior Studios on a case-by-case basis with approval from the Department Chair.

Course Requirements

Painting Minor Required Courses
Total: 15 credits of Painting courses.

This can be 5 studio courses or 4 studio courses + 1 LAS course.

*Students select courses based on guidance from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor Area Heads and Academic Advisors and must follow prerequisites when applicable. For the full list of courses that will count for this minor, along with recommended courses to take first, see the Minors Course Lists on the Registration page of the Dashboard (my.otis.edu). Students are advised to take minor classes in place of studio electives (or in place of one LAS elective), or for majors without electives by taking one extra class in each of 5 semesters spread out between sophomore and senior year.

FINE ARTS: PHOTOGRAPHY MINOR**Our Mission:**

The Photography minor provides students the opportunity to explore the technical, formal, historical, theoretical, and ethical concerns of fine art and editorial photography through a combination of studio and art history courses. A variety of traditional, experimental, darkroom and digital approaches will be explored as students develop their individual representational languages.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Photography minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Participating Departments

The Photography minor is open to students majoring in Animation, Game and Entertainment Design, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Illustration, Product Design and Toy Design. Photography minors will only participate in the Senior Show of their home department, however depending on space availability, they may utilize Fine Arts Senior Studios on a case-by-case basis with approval from the Department Chair.

Course Requirements

Photography Minor Required Courses
Total: 15 credits of Photography courses.

This can be 5 studio courses or 4 studio courses + 1 LAS course.

*Students select courses based on guidance from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor Area Heads and Academic Advisors and must follow prerequisites when applicable. For the full list of courses that will count for this minor, along with recommended courses to take first, see the Minors Course Lists on the Registration page of the Dashboard (my.otis.edu). Students are advised to take minor classes in place of studio electives (or in place of one LAS elective), or for majors without electives by taking one extra class in each of 5 semesters spread out between sophomore and senior year.

FINE ARTS: SCULPTURES/ NEW GENRES MINOR

Our Mission:

The Sculpture/New Genres minor provides students the opportunity to explore the technical, formal, historical, and theoretical concerns of creating meaningful objects, installations and time-based art (including video, sound and performance). Students will explore a range of techniques and methods while developing individual artistic practices in three and four dimensions.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Sculpture/New Genres minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Participating Departments

The Sculpture/New Genres minor is open to students majoring in Animation, Game and Entertainment Design, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Illustration, Product Design and Toy Design.

Course Requirements

Sculpture/New Genres Minor Required Courses
Total: 15 credits of Sculpture/New Genres courses.

This can be 5 studio courses or 4 studio courses + 1 LAS course.

*Students select courses based on guidance from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor Area Heads and Academic Advisors and must follow prerequisites when applicable. For the full list of courses that will count for this minor, along with recommended courses to take first, see the Minors Course Lists on the Registration page of the Dashboard (my.otis.edu). Students are advised to take minor classes in place of studio electives (or in place of one LAS elective), or for majors without electives by taking one extra class in each of 5 semesters spread out between sophomore and senior year.

GRAPHIC DESIGN MINOR

Our Mission:

The Graphic Design minor familiarizes students with graphic design principles, skills, professional practices and historical and theoretical understanding of the field. Students participate in critically engaged studio classes to develop their own viewpoint and practice, while creating books, posters, websites, campaigns, identities, and conceptual propositions using the considered interplay of text and image. A dynamic curriculum empowers students to creatively solve problems, propose alternatives, and work collaboratively to address the communication challenges of today.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in Graphic Design Minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Course Requirements

Graphic Design Minor Required Courses: 15 credits of Graphic Design courses

This can be 5 studio courses or 4 studio courses + 1 LAS course.

Students select courses based on guidance from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor Area Heads and Academic Advisors and must follow prerequisites when applicable. For the full list of courses that will count for this minor, along with recommended courses to take first, see the Minors Course Lists on the Registration page of the Dashboard (my.otis.edu). Students are advised to take minor classes in place of studio electives (or in place of one LAS elective), or for majors without electives by taking one extra class in each of 5 semesters spread out between sophomore and senior year.

ILLUSTRATION MINOR

Our Mission:

The Illustration minor prepares students to enter a world where boundaries between artistic disciplines are constantly changing and art is activated in the service of multiple audiences, in diverse venues and across existing and emerging markets. This minor provides a curriculum emphasizing strong concepts, proficient skills, and civic mindedness to support the communication needs of a variety of contexts, including client-led publications, merchandise, and self-directed exhibitions. A balance of conceptual, historical, and technical instruction helps students locate their own style, voice, and conceptual foothold to meet the rich opportunities afforded by today's shifting creative landscape.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in Illustration Minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Course Requirements

Illustration Minor Required Courses: 15 credits of Graphic Design courses

This can be 5 studio courses or 4 studio courses + 1 LAS course.

Students select courses based on guidance from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor Area Heads and Academic Advisors and must follow prerequisites when applicable. For the full list of courses that will count for this minor, along with recommended courses to take first, see the Minors Course Lists on the Registration page of the Dashboard (my.otis.edu). Students are advised to take minor classes in place of studio electives (or in place of one LAS elective), or for majors without electives by taking one extra class in each of 5 semesters spread out between sophomore and senior year.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES MINOR

Our Mission:

Interdisciplinary Studies gives undergraduate students the opportunity to extend and complement their work in the major by pursuing a minor—a defined or self directed course sequence that explores a specific theme, topic, or discipline. Minors are optional, and most Interdisciplinary Studies students pursue only one minor, however, students may be approved to pursue two minors on a case-by-case basis.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in Interdisciplinary Studies will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Minors Offered

Eligibility and Enrollment Requirements

Not all minors are open to all majors. See each specific minor for details.

In order to pursue a minor, students must be on track in their major and in good academic standing, with fewer than 6 credits outstanding and a cumulative gpa of at least 2.0. students who fall behind 6 credits or more after declaring a minor will be advised to drop their minor. Students who fall below a 2.0 cumulative gpa after declaring a minor will be given a written warning at first, then advised to drop their minor if their gpa is not above 2.0 in the subsequent semester. In both cases students can reapply for the minor once they've caught up in their major and/or liberal arts requirements and/or raised their gpa.

Students will be allowed to register for courses on a space-available basis, which is not guaranteed, but registering early will significantly increase the chances of getting into their required courses.

Transfer students who apply for and are approved to pursue a minor upon entering the college must meet the requirements above and fulfill degree program requirements through an appropriate combination of transfer courses and courses completed at otis.

The Application Process

Students should complete their declaration of minor form during registration advising for either the first or second semester of the sophomore year. Under limited circumstances, students may declare a minor in the first semester of the junior year. Declaration forms are available online, via the registration page of the otis dashboard and www.otis.edu/minors. academic advising, the director of interdisciplinary studies, the minor area head(s), and the registrar must approve the application.

- Meet with the interdisciplinary studies director and minor area head to discuss your interests and options.
- Meet with academic advising to review the academic plan and declaration process.
- Complete the online declaration of minor form.
- Students receive email confirmation once their declaration form has been approved by the registrar.
- Attend group meetings with minor area head(s) during registration advising periods.

Students who wish to drop their minor must complete the online dropping minor form. Students who wish to change their minor or add a second minor must complete a new declaration of minor form following the instructions above.

Curricular Requirements

Each minor requires students to complete 15 credits. Minor course requirements can fulfill studio electives and in some cases also creative action and liberal arts and sciences requirements. Required major las courses for which students do not have choices of topics cannot count towards a minor without department approval. For some majors, pursuing a minor may require additional coursework or degree requirements above the 120 credit BFA.

Course Requirements

Minor Courses

INTR 330 - ST: Design Lab (3.00)

Upper division studio courses that facilitate student work across media, genres and disciplines, while also developing skills in interdisciplinary thinking in a supportive community. Topics vary each semester. Fulfills studio electives.

MOTION DESIGN MINOR

Our Mission:

The Motion Design minor will provide students the opportunity to combine graphic design principles with animation techniques to create visually compelling and dynamic graphics for a wide range of applications, such as television, film, advertising, and social media. Students in this minor will develop a unique and valuable skill set that can enhance their career prospects in the rapidly evolving digital media landscape.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Motion Design minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Participating Departments

The Motion Design minor is open to all undergraduate majors.

Minor Courses

ILUS 220 - Type for Illustrators (3.00)

This course is designed for Sophomore Illustrators to introduce and expand upon the fundamentals of typography and the study of letterforms, with the emphasis placed on exploring type as a tool integral to contemporary illustrative practices.

MOTN 230 - Motion Design Fundamentals (3.00)

An introduction to basic design and motion design principles and techniques. Prerequisite: DGMD204 Storytelling for Digital Artists I

MOTN 330 - Motion Design I (3.00)

This course gives students a comprehensive overview of the motion graphic production process using industry standard applications. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamental concepts of digital media, motion design, editing techniques and art direction.

MOTN 331 - Motion Graphics II (3.00)

These classes will balance further instruction in design principles with actual production of motion graphics pieces. Prerequisites: MOTN230 Motion Design Basics

MOTN 299 - Motion Design Electives (3.00)

*A limited choice of LAS and Studio courses will count as Motion Design Minor Electives, as determined each semester by the Interdisciplinary Studies Director, Animation Chair, Game and Entertainment Design Chair and Graphic Design / Illustration Chair. Examples include: AHCS222 History of Graphic Design and Illustration, various courses in typography, social media, motion design, and video editing.

See Animation, Game and Entertainment Design, Graphic Design, Illustration and Liberal Arts and Sciences for course descriptions.

PRODUCT DESIGN MINOR

Our Mission:

The Product Design minor offers students the opportunity to develop basic skills utilized in a variety of consumer product related industries through studio courses in Visual Communication, Digital Design, prototype and model making techniques related to industry applications. Communication of these creative concepts through thoughtful execution of projects displays student abilities in an organized body of work.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Product Design minor will:

- Articulate the relationship between their major and minor(s) and how these will help them achieve personal and professional goals.
- Develop and apply interdisciplinary skills, experiences, and knowledge in fields outside of their majors.
- Develop an art/design practice that is grounded in two or more disciplines.

Participating Departments

The Product Design minor is open to students majoring in Animation, Game and Entertainment Design, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Illustration, Product Design and Toy Design.

Course Requirements

Product Design Minor Required Courses

Total: 15 credits of Product Design courses.

This can be 5 studio courses or 4 studio courses + 1 LAS course.

*Students select courses based on guidance from the Director of Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor Area Heads and Academic Advisors and must follow prerequisites when applicable. For the full list of courses that will count for this minor, along with recommended courses to take first, see the Minors Course Lists on the Registration page of the Dashboard (my.otis.edu). Students are advised to take minor classes in place of studio electives (or in place of one LAS elective), or for majors without electives by taking one extra class in each of 5 semesters spread out between sophomore and senior year.

SUSTAINABILITY MINOR

Our Mission:

Recognizing the innovative role artists and designers can play in solving pressing challenges, the Sustainability Minor provides students with a broad understanding of the social, political, economic and environmental issues impacting the future of humanity and our planet. Students will study and develop strategies and systems, as applicable to art and design, which can meet the needs of current generations without compromising those of future generations. Courses fulfill requirements in Integrated Learning and Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as electives across all studio departments.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students enrolled in the Sustainability Minor will:

- Develop and articulate a meaningful connection between their studio art/design practice and sustainability concerns.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the practices, theories and science of sustainability.
- Identify and discuss career opportunities for artists/designers who specialize in sustainability.
- Produce works of art and design that are sustainable, innovative, environmentally conscious, socially responsive and culturally relevant.

Participating Departments

The Sustainability minor is open to all undergraduate majors.

Minor Courses

CAIL 201 - Human Ecology (3.00)

NSCI 305 - Science and Sustainable Design (3.00)

With the current shift toward more sustainable forms of art and design, contemporary artists and designers are uniquely challenged by issues unfamiliar to artists in previous eras. Sustainable design is concerned with the processes and outcomes needed to respond to the growing consciousness

surrounding various impacts of art and design on the world's ecological systems and humankind. Through predominantly science-based methods, students will study approaches to sustainability including, but not limited to climate change, biodiversity, biomimicry, cradle to cradle, and life cycle analysis. Content will emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of sustainable design and how it is defined, measured, and tracked by looking at concepts like design for use, dematerialization, substitution, localization and reuse. Prerequisite: CAIL201 or instructor's approval. Required for Sustainability minors. May be taken as the LAS junior elective with permission of the department. This course will fulfill the LAS junior elective for Fashion, Product Design and Toy Design majors who have a specific required NSCI course.

LIBS 441 - Capstone (3.00)

SUST 299 - Sustainability Electives (3.00)

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*Students who have a dedicated capstone for their major will complete one capstone course that combines both their major and minor. **A limited choice of Creative Action, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Studio Elective courses across the college will count towards the Sustainability minor Electives, as determined each semester by the Interdisciplinary Studies Director, Sustainability Minor Area Head, and Department Chairs. See the Minors Course List.

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