

## Plan of Study

Master of Fine Arts Degree in Visual Communication Design

### Non-Thesis Option – Total 60 credit hours

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AD 60100	MFA Orientation	0 cr
AD 60300	Critical Theory	3 cr
various	Art History	6 cr
AD 55000	Research Methods	3 cr
various	Visual Communication Design graduate courses	18 cr
various	Studio Elective	3 cr
various	Electives <sup>1</sup> (studio or lecture)	9 cr
AD 56800	Directed Project Research in Design	3 cr
AD 66800	MFA Project Research in Design	12 cr
AD 69700	MFA Graduate Exhibition	3 cr

### Thesis Option – Total 66 credit hours

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AD 69800	Research MFA Thesis	6 cr
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<sup>1</sup> Students may elect to use some or all of the open elective hours for additional written component research, whether thesis or non-thesis.

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIREMENT: B or better for all courses listed on Plan of Study**

**I. INTERDISCIPLINARY AREA: 9 hours**

Course #	Title	Cr.	Grade	Semester/Year
AD 60100	MFA Orientation	0		
AD 60300	Theory in Art Seminar	3		
AD 55000	Research Methods	3		

**II. ART and/or DESIGN HISTORY: 6 hours**

Course #	Title	Cr.	Grade	Semester/Year
AD				
AD				

**III. PRIMARY AREA: 18 hours**

Course #	Title	Cr.	Grade	Semester/Year
AD 60600	Problems in Visual Design			
AD 60800	Advanced Typography			
AD 60900	Information Design			
AD 61000	Advanced Poster Design			
AD 61100	Advanced Web Design for VCD			
AD 61200	Color Aesthetic and Research			

**IV. ELECTIVES: 12 hours (3 hours studio elective; 9 hours open elective)**

Course #	Title	Cr.	Grade	Semester/Year
AD	Studio	3		

**V. GRADUATE RESEARCH and EXHIBITION: 18-24 hours**

Course #	Title	Cr.	Grade	Semester/Year
AD 56800	Directed Project Research in Design	3		
AD 66800	MFA Project Research in Design	12		
AD 69700	MFA Graduate Exhibition	3		
<b>AD 69800</b>	<b>Thesis option only: Research MFA Thesis</b>	<b>6</b>		

<b>QUALIFYING REVIEW</b> during semester student will complete 18-21 hours	<b>PASS</b>	<b>NO PASS**</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**\*\*Students must pass the qualifying review in order to continue in the MFA program.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS (minimum 3)**

Indicate Role	Name	Initialed	Date
Chair or Co-Chair			
Member or Co-Chair			
Member			

<b>PLAN OF STUDY FILED</b> during semester student will complete 27-30 hours	<b>Date filed:</b>
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