

# B.A. Graphic Design, Roosevelt University

McHenry County College Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Graphic Arts  
Minimum 68 semester hours

Year One – Semester I (17 S.H.)	
MCC	RU
ENG 151 Composition I (3)	ENG 101 Composition I: Critical Reading and Writing
GRA 167 Graphic Design I (3)	DES or ART 1XX Elective
IAI Physical or Life Science w/lab (4)*	IAI Science Elective
<b>ART 153 2D Design (3)**</b>	DES 130 Color and Design History
<b>ADD 103 Fundamental Web Development (3)**</b>	DES 253 Design Interaction for Web
MCC 101 The College Experience (1)	Elective

Year Two – Semester I (18*** S.H.)	
MCC	RU
<b>ART 250 Digital Photography I (3)</b>	DES 207 Intro to Photography
<b>GRA 267 Graphic Design II (3)**</b>	DES 291 Typography & Graphic Design
<b>GRA 168 Computer Art I (3)**</b>	DES 235 Digital Illustration & Imaging
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech (3)	COMM 101 Public Speaking
GRA Program Specialty Track Course (3)***	Elective
IAI Humanities, Fine Arts or Social Beh. Science (3)	IAI Humanities, Fine Arts, Social Science Elective

\*7-8 total credits required for Physical and Life Sciences with one lab

Courses in bold are core pre-requisite classes for RU.

\*\*\*Electives and other courses may be available in summer/winter sessions

-ART 251=suggested elective

-**GRA 180 must be taken for RU transfers**

Year One – Semester II (15 S.H.)	
MCC	RU
GRA Program Specialty Track Course (3)***	Elective
GRA 100 Digital Design Tools (2)	Elective
ART 190 Professional Practices (1) **	Elective
<b>GRA 180 History of Graphic Design (3)** (spring only class)</b>	DES 130 Color and Design History
<b>GRA 183 Typography I (3) ** (spring only class)</b>	DES 291 Typography & Graphic Design
IAI Humanities, Fine Arts or Social Beh. Science (3)	IAI Humanities, Fine Arts, Social Science Elective

Year Two – Semester II (18*** S.H.)	
MCC	RU
<b>GRA 125 Digital Illustration (3)**</b>	DES 235 Digital Illustration & Imaging
GRA 280 Graphic Design III (3)	DES or ART 2XX Elective
ART 252 Digital Photography II (3)	ART 2XX Elective
<b>ADD 175 Content Management Systems for Web (3)**</b>	DES 253 Design Interaction for Web
GRA Program Specialty Track Course (3)***	Elective
<b>JRN 152 Mass Communication (3)</b>	COMM 110 Communication in the Info Age
<b>Total Semester Hours Completed after Year 2</b>	<b>68 Semester Hours</b>

\*\*GRA168 + GRA125 = DES235

\*\*ADD103 + ADD175 = DES 253

\*\*GRA180 + ART 153= DES130

\*\*GRA267 + GRA183 = DES291

Disclaimer: You are encouraged to use this transfer guide when planning your progress towards degree completion. Following a transfer guide does not guarantee admission into the listed program. Information was updated 10/2025; however, any curriculum changes reflected in the Undergraduate Catalog override the information on this guide. Contact your MCC Academic Advisor for assistance in interpreting this guide.

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**B.A. Graphic Design**  
**Year Three suggestions**

RU Course Number	RU Course Title	Semester Hours
<b>FALL</b>		
TRS101 *	Transfer Success	1
MATH 110	Quantitative Literacy**	3
DES308	Video for Graphic Designers	3
ENG 102	English Composition II**	3
Gen Ed	Humanities & Fine Arts OR Social Science Course**	3
		<b>13</b>
<b>SPRING</b>		
DES325	Visual Identity and Branding	3
DES3XX	Design CORE Elective #1	3
Gen Ed	Humanities & Fine Arts OR Social Science Course**	3
Gen Ed	Physical or Life Science **	3
Gen Ed	Ideas of Social Justice	<b>3</b>
		<b>15</b>
	<b>Total Year 3 Semester Hours</b>	<b>28</b>

**Year Four Suggestions**

<b>FALL</b>		
DES330 or DES 352	Packaging Design OR Publication Design	3
DES3XX	Design CORE Elective #2	3
Gen Ed	Humanities & Fine Arts OR Social Science Course**	3
Gen Ed	Humanities & Fine Arts OR Social Science Course**	3
Gen Ed	CORE Experiential Learning Course	3
		<b>15</b>
<b>SPRING</b>		
DES368	Design Capstone	3
DES380	Portfolio and Internship	3
Gen Ed	Experiential Learning or Elective	3
Gen Ed	Elective	3
		<b>12</b>
	<b>Total Year 4 Semester Hours</b>	<b>27</b>
	<b>Total Semester Hours Completed at RU</b>	<b>55</b>
	<b>Total Semester Hours Completed at MCC</b>	<b>68</b>
	<b>Total Semester Hours for B.A. Degree</b>	<b>123</b>

\*TRS 101 waived with transfer of 90 credits or more

\*\*General Education courses can be taken at MCC and transferred back to RU