



Communication Design @ Buffalo State

Registration guidelines for transfers and incoming freshmen

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Please refer to our Admissions Office placement of course equivalencies as indicated on your Degree Navigator sheet.

1. All incoming Communication Design majors are required to take and pass the Art Test for entry into the program. The test is revised periodically, so make sure you are completing the most recent edition. Follow the link on the Communication/Graphic Design web page.
2. All new transfers (if you have been in a Communication Design or Graphic Design program) are required to take *DES 277 Computer Graphics I (see process below for requesting special permission); this class involves 15 weeks of instruction in Adobe InDesign and Illustrator.
3. If you do not have the equivalent of DES 103 Intro to Design 3DI, you are required to take DES 103. If you do not have the equivalent of DES 101 Intro to Design 2DI, you are required to take DES 101. If you have the equivalent of DES 101, but not DES 102 Intro to Design 2DII, you are required to take DES 102 .
4. If you feel that you have had coursework which should be considered for equivalent credit in the Communication Design program please see a CMD Professor during a transfer orientation. You may e-mail (no phone calls please) design@buffalostate.edu
5. If you have not had a class in contemporary art history you will need to take FAR 104: Themes and Issues in Contemporary Arts
6. A typical transfer schedule will look like this:
 - DES 277 Computer Graphics I
 - DES 103 3DI
 - DES 101 2DI or DES 102 2DII
 - FAR 104: Themes and Issues in Contemporary Arts
 - Intellectual Foundations (General Education) requirement
7. If you have had equivalency for DES 101, 102 and DES 103, then you may take one or two design studio electives in Ceramics, Fibers, Metals/Jewelry, or Wood/Furniture.

***For entry into DES 277 Computer Graphics 1, you will need to request special permission as follows:**

1. Send an email request to the instructor which includes the following:
 - Subject heading: name of course /semester offered.
i.e. Permission/DES 277: Computer Graphics I/Semester
2. Email message must contain:
 - Full name and your Buffalo State Banner ID #
 - Major (Communication Design)

- Name of your advisor - if you know who it is. If not, you will be assigned an advisor in the Communication Design program. Please check your Banner or DegreeWorks information to find out who your advisor is.
- Indicate the date you were advised.
- Indicate the Professor who advised you.

3. After receiving the necessary permission from the Professor, sign up for the course in Banner as soon as possible!

Sample Email Request:

SUBJECT: DES 277: Computer Graphics 1/Semester

DATE:

Professor _____

My name is Tom Smith (Banner ID# B0098987) and I am a new transfer/freshman student admitted into the Communication Design program. I am in the winter/spring/summer advisement session and have been advised by Prof. _____ to take DES 277:Computer Graphics I. (CRN # 2804). The class meets Tues/Thurs from 9:20-12:05.

May I have special permission to enter the course?

FRESHMEN

All new freshmen entering into the Design department in the **FALL** semester will automatically be registered for the courses they need through block scheduling.

All new freshmen entering into the Design department in the **SPRING** semester will need to register on Banner for their courses.

The typical first semester CMD freshman schedule will be:

DES 101 Introduction to Design 2DI

DES 103 Introduction to Design 3DI

FAR 101: Drawing I

CWP 101 or 102 or MAT

General Education - Intellectual Foundations requirement

Welcome to the Communication Design program!

If you have further questions, please call the Buffalo State Design Department.

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