



B.A. IN FINE ARTS/CIS (GRAPHIC DESIGN)

IU Northwest's Graphic Design program combines critical thinking, problem solving and artistic personal expression that allows students to communicate their ideas and messages clearly and powerfully. Students create beautiful and effective solutions for real-world practical projects. Students gain valuable experience working with businesses and organizations in our local and national communities. Students who graduate with this degree will have a strong background in creative arts and computer skills.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The student will have two official advisors, one in the Department of Fine Arts and one in Computer Information Systems, who will help plan the course of study in detail with frequent consultations.

COURSEWORK

- CSCI-A106 Introduction to Computing (3 cr.)
- CSCI-A 251 Introduction to Digital Imaging (3 cr.)
- CSCI-A348 Mastering the World Wide Web (3 cr.)
- CSCI-C390 Individual Programming Laboratory (3 cr.)
- INFO -N215 Online Document Development (3 cr.)

Select one of the following:

- CSCI-A340 Introduction to Web Programming (3 cr.)
- Or INFO-I 310 Multimedia Art and Technology (3 cr.)
- Or INFO-I 400 Topics in Informatics (3 cr.)

Total (18 cr.)

- FINA-F100 Fundamental Studio-Drawing (3 cr.)
or FINA-F102 Fundamental Studio_2D (3 cr.)
- 3 credits hours in the FINA A100 series (History of Arts)
- 3 credit hours of FINA 300 or 400 level art history
- FINA-S250 Introduction to Design Practice (3 cr.)
- FINA-S351 Typography (3 cr.)
- FINA-S352 Production for Graphic Design (3 cr.)
- FINA-S353 Graphic Design IV (3 cr.)
- FINA-S413 Typography II (2 cr.)
- FINA-S414 Layout (2 cr.)
- FINA-S415 Package Design (2 cr.)
- FINA-S451 Graphic Design Problem Solving (3 cr.)
- FINA-A435 Art Theory (2 cr.)
- FINA-S497 Independent Study in Fine Arts (1 cr.)

Total (33 cr.cr.)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

IU Northwest is located on an attractive campus just off of I-80/94 in Gary, Ind., approximately 35 minutes by car from downtown Chicago. This gives our students and faculty easy access to one of the country's great art centers and world-class museums. From the class trips to Chicago museums to the faculty we attract to our campus, IU Northwest benefits from being close to Chicago, while maintaining the openness and ease of a freestanding campus.

The faculty at IU Northwest is an impressive group of artists and scholars actively engaged in their creative work and renowned in their fields. Faculty accomplishments include high-level public commissions and acquisitions to the permanent collections of some of the most prestigious museums, including: The Metropolitan Museum of Art; the Whitney Museum of American Art; the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago; The Museum of Contemporary Photography; and many others. Our faculty has exhibited widely across the U.S. and in Europe and Asia in addition to being active members of the Chicago arts community.

In addition to being accomplished artists, IU Northwest's faculty are committed teachers with a long history of working closely with students and helping them to grow their general knowledge, studio work, and individual visions. Students work directly with their individual instructors, exploring new concepts and techniques in an energetic and collaborative environment. As a student-centered institution, IU Northwest is committed to putting students first.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Students in the Department of Fine Arts have tremendous opportunities to view extraordinary works of art, both on campus and in the Chicago area. The IU Northwest Gallery for Contemporary Art showcases many different forms of contemporary art and offers close access to important museums, galleries and public art in Chicago. Classes take frequent field trips and have the opportunity to meet well-established artists.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Department of Fine Arts sponsors the IU Northwest Art Club, which strives to help students of all majors gain an appreciation for art and to take influence from the art community. The club hosts the Annual All Campus Art Exhibits and guest lecturers.

The Student Screen Printer's Society explores the different methods and techniques of screen printing through group-supported activities and events that help to create a positive and fun student environment while helping each student to achieve his or her own personal artistic goals.

The IU Northwest Student Design Organization strives to create a supportive design community through event programming, collaborative projects, the exchange of ideas, and development of ethical design practices.

RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS

- B.F.A.
- B.S. in Computer-Based Graphic Design
- B.A. in Studio Arts

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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