Communication Design, BS - Visual Design Concentration
4 Year Pathway 2026-2027

*The purple courses are offered once a year only!

Fall Freshman Courses	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
Recommended: STAT 100	Intro to Statistics	3	GE 2
Any Approved course	English Composition	3	GE 1A
Any Approved Course	Physical Science	3	GE 5A
CST 201	Media Tools 1	4	Major
FYS 145	Digital Media and Culture	3	FYS/ GE 3B
	Total Units	16	
Spring Freshman Courses	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
CST 227	Design Fundamentals	3	GE 3A/ Major
CST 202 + 202L	Drawing for Digital Media	3	Major
Any Approved Course	Critical Thinking	3	GE 1B
Any Approved Course	recommended CST 274	3	GE 4A/ US1
Any Approved Course	Biological Science w/ Lab	4	GE 5B/5C
	Total Units	16	
Fall Sophomore Courses	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
CST 230	Media Tools 2	4	Major
Any Approved Course	Oral Communication	3	GE 1C
Any Approved Course	Civics and Service Learning	3	GE 4B
Elective	Any	3	Elective
	Total Units	13	
Spring Sophomore Courses	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
CST 251	Web Tools	4	Major
Any Approved Course	Ethnic Studies	3	Major/ UDSL
Any Approved Course	WLC: Language	3	Major
Elective		4	Elective
	Total Units	14	

Fall Junior Courses	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
CST 300	Graduation Writing Assessment for Computing and Design	3	GWAR/Major
CST 348	Major Pro Seminar	2	Major
CST 304	Typography	4	Major
CST 346	Human-Computer Interaction	3	Major
CST 351	Web Design	4	Concentration
	Total Units	16	
Spring Junior Courses	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
CST 302	History of Communication Design	3	Major/ UD3
CST 345	Visual Thinking	4	Major
CST 350	Web Scripting	4	Major
CST 327	Experimental Typography	4	Concentration
	Total Units	15	
Fall Senior Courses	Course or GE Title	Units	GE/Major
Recommended CST 319	Programming Across Disciplines	3	UD 2 or 3
CST 446	User Research and Experience	4	Major

CST 377	Business of Design	4	Concentration
CST 406	Graphic Identity	4	Concentration
	Total Units	15	
Spring Senior Courses	**Course or GE Title**	**Units**	**GE/Major**
CST 316	Computing for Designers	4	Major
CST 462S	Race, Gender, Class in the Digital World	3	Major/ UDSL
CST 498	Senior Capstone	4	Major
Any needed requirement or Elective		3	Elective
	Total Units	14	
	Total Overall Units:	**60**	

*Transfers should come in meeting the American Institutions req, otherwise, will need to take an approved US 1 or 2/3 and complete 63 units instead of 60.