

Visual Communications Technology Computer Graphics Option

A.A.S. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2016-2017

The purpose of this program is to prepare students to enter the field of graphic design using the most current software applications.

Faculty Contacts/Program Chairs

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Transfer Information

Students who complete the AAS.VCT Computer Graphics degree can transfer seamlessly to Kean University in the BFA Graphic Design program. However, without an approved articulation agreement, The NJ Statewide Transfer Agreement does not guarantee the transfer of credit/coursework when a student earns an AAS degree and continues on to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree. Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees are intended to prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce. Students are encouraged to work closely with Faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students who are planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Plan Academic Program (RTP)" feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org.

Career Information

The Associate of Applied Science Degrees are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to start employment upon graduation. Several of the A.A.S. degrees provide the opportunity for the student to gain work experience by offering internship credit. These degrees are usually 'technical' in nature and prepare the student for certification and licensing exams necessary to work in their field of choice. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with Faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options.

Fundamental Coursework

COCG 160, 161, 162, COPH 181, 280
 163, 164, 165 ARTS 181, 183, 184, 185

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Curriculum

First Semester

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| ENGL 151 | English I | 3 cr. |
| ARTS 181 | Art History I | 3 cr. |
| COCG 160 | Introduction to Macintosh/Painter | 2 cr. |
| ARTS 183 | Basic Drawing | 3 cr. |
| ARTS 184 | Two Dimensional Design | 3 cr. |
| COPH 181 | Basic Digital Photography | <u>3 cr.</u> |
| | | 17 cr. |

Second Semester

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| ENGL 152 | English II | 3 cr. |
| COPH 187 | Experimental Digital Photography | 3 cr. |
| COCG 161 | Painter/Paintbox Applications | 2 cr. |
| COCG 162 | Design Fundamentals | 3 cr. |
| | Social Science Gen Ed Requirement | 3 cr. |
| COCG 163 | Photoshop | <u>3 cr.</u> |
| | | 17 cr. |

Third Semester

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| | Humanities Gen Ed Requirement | 3 cr. |
| ARTS 185 | Figure Drawing | 3 cr. |
| COCG 164 | Adobe Illustrator | 3 cr. |
| | Mathematics Gen Ed Requirement | 3 cr. |
| COPH 280 | Advanced Digital Photography | <u>3 cr.</u> |
| | | 15 cr. |

Fourth Semester

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| | Lab Science Gen Ed Requirement | 4 cr. |
| BUSN 270* | Principles of Advertising | 3 cr. |
| COCG 165 | Graphics Portfolio | 3 cr. |
| | Fine Arts Elective** | 3 cr. |
| | Elective | <u>3 cr.</u> |

TOTAL CREDITS 65

Courses satisfying General Education Requirements must be selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

*Pre-requisite BUSN 134 not required for students enrolled in this program.

**Any course from subjects ARTS, DANC, MUSC, or THTR