

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designed as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Attribute	Notes
Semester One [16 Credits]						
!	VCD 13000 Introduction to Visual Communication Design	3		■		
!	VCD 13001 Introduction to Visual Communication Design Studio	3	B-	■		
!	VCD 18000 Photography	3		■		
	UC 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience ¹	1				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
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Semester Two [15 Credits]						
!	VCD 18002 Photography II	3		■		
!	VCD 23001 Introduction to Typography	3		■		
	VCD 37000 Visual Design for Media: Advanced	3		■		
	COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication	3			KAD	
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Three [15 Credits]						
!	VCD 28001 Advanced Photography	3		■		
!	VCD 28003 Photo Technology	3		■		
!	VCD 28004 Photographic Perspectives	3		■		
	ARTH 22006 Art History: Ancient and Medieval Art	3			KFA	
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Four [16 Credits]						
!	VCD 20096 Photo Illustration Sophomore Portfolio Review ²	1		■		
!	VCD 28005 Color Photography	3		■		
!	VCD 28007 Advanced Digital Imaging	3		■		
	ARTH 22007 Art History: Renaissance to Modern Art	3			KFA	
	JMC 20001 Media, Power and Culture	3			DD/KSS	
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Five [14 Credits]						
!	VCD 38001 Photographics	3		■		
!	VCD 38007 Photo Illustration Techniques	3		■		
!	VCD 38009 Internship Seminar-Photo Illustration	2		■		
	VCD 34004 Visual Ethics	3		■		
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Six [15 Credits]						
!	VCD 38011 Editorial Photography	3		■		
	ENTR 27056 Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3				
	Art History (ARTH) Upper-Division Elective	3				
	Kent Core Requirement	3				
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Third Summer Term [3 Credits]						
!	VCD 40192 Internship II-Graphic Design/Illustration/Photo-Illustration	3		■	ELR	
Semester Seven [12 Credits]						
!	VCD 48001 Photographic Project	3		■		
!	VCD 48009 Fashion Photography	3		■		
	VCD 34006 Motion Design	3		■		
	VCD 45000 Graphic Design Perspectives	3	C ³	■	WIC	
Semester Eight [14 Credits]						
!	VCD 48002 Advanced Photographic Project	3		■		
!	VCD 48003 Professional Portfolio-Photo Illustration ⁴	2		■		
	LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond	3				
	Entrepreneurship (ENTR) Elective	3				
	General Electives ⁵	3				

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Upper-Division Hours 30000 – 40000 level course	Minimum Kent Core Hours	Minimum	
			Major GPA	Overall GPA
120	39	36	2.750	2.500

1. UC 10097 is not required of transfer students with 25 credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or students age 21+ at time of admission
2. VCD 20096 must be taken concurrently with VCD 28005 and VCD 28007, after completion of VCD 28001 and VCD 28003. Photo-Illustration Sophomore Portfolio Review is an examination in conference with the visual communication design faculty acting as a committee. Students who successfully pass the review may continue in the B.F.A. degree program in Photo-Illustration. Students who do not successfully pass will be provided academic advice for additional coursework and resubmission of portfolio for review.
3. A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
4. Offered spring only.
5. Number of general elective credits required depends on meeting minimum 120 credit hours and 39 upper-division credit hours.

Progression Requirements:

Students must receive a minimum B- (2.700) in VCD 13001 before enrolling in VCD 23001. VCD 13001 may be taken a maximum three times until a minimum B- (2.700) grade is achieved.

Note:

Any VCD course taken is calculated in the major GPA.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Kent Core (general education requirements), diversity, writing-intensive and experiential learning requirements. For more information about these requirements, please read the following sections in the University Catalog: Kent Core – www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core; Diversity Course Requirement – www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity; Writing-Intensive Course Requirement – www.kent.edu/catalog/wic; Experiential Learning Requirement – www.kent.edu/catalog/elr.

Attribute Legend: **DD** Diversity–Domestic; **DG** Diversity–Global; **ELR** Experiential Learning; **KAD** Kent Core Additional; **KBS** Kent Core Basic Sciences; **KCM** Kent Core Composition; **KFA** Kent Core Fine Arts; **KHU** Kent Core Humanities; **KMC** Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning; **KSS** Kent Core Social Sciences; **WIC** Writing Intensive