

Program Transfer Guide

Des Moines Area Community College
Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in

GRAPHIC DESIGN

→ UIU Bachelor of Science (BS) in

GRAPHIC DESIGN

MARCH 2026



EDUCATION BUILT FOR LIFE

Years 1 & 2 at Des Moines Area Community College:

DMACC Program Course Sequence			Course Transfers into UIU as			
Course ID	Course Name	# Cr	Course ID	Course Name	# Cr	Requirement Fulfilled
Semester 1						
SDV 108	The College Experience	1	FYS 120/122	First Year Seminar	1	PPE FYS 120/122
GRD 403	Communication Design I	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 415	InDesign I	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 459	Illustrator	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
Any AAS Degree Core COMM course (ENG 105)		3	ENG 101	English Composition I	3	PPE ENG 101
Semester 2						
GRD 405	Typography I	3	GRAF 355	Typography	3	Major
GRD 430	InDesign II	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 463	Photoshop	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 411	Communication Design II	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
Semester 3						
GRD 464	Digital Artistry	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 470	Interactive Media I	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
Any AAS Core Math (MAT 110)		3	MATH 101	Math for Liberal Arts	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
Any Social Behavioral Sciences/Human (PSY 111)		3	PSY 190	General Psychology	3	PPE Soc. Science
Semester 4						
GRD 404	Typography II	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 421	Internship Preparation	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 426	Communication Design III	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
WDV 101	Intro HTML and CSS	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
Any AAS Distributed Core Course (SPC 101 or SPC 122)		3	COMM 105 OR COMM 200	Public Speaking OR Interpersonal Comm	3	PPE COMM 105 or COMM 200
Semester 5						
GRD 424	Graphic Design Internship	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
GRD 437	Communication Design IV	3	----	----	3	Free Elective
Any AAS Distributed Core Course (ENG 106)		3	ENG 102	English Composition II	3	PPE ENG 102
One course from Option 1 (ART 186)		3	GRAF 218	Digital Photo & Editing	3	PPE Creative Expr. & Major
Total occupational course credits earned:		64	Total course credits accepted:		64	
Total transferable credits#:		64				

*UIU recommendations are **bolded**.*

Years 3 & 4 at Upper Iowa University:

UIU Program Course List		# Cr	Requirement Fulfilled	Transferred In
Peacock Professional Experience (PPE) Courses				
FYS 120 OR FYS 122	First Year Seminar (Fayette) First Year Seminar (Online/Self-Paced)	1	Success in Higher Education	SDV 108
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	PPE Prof Comm/Wrtn (PW)	ENG 105
ENG 102	English Composition II	3	PPE Prof Comm/Wrtn (PW)	ENG 106
COMM 105 OR COMM 200	Public Speaking OR Interpersonal Communication	3	PPE Prof Comm/Oral (PC)	SPC 101 OR SPC 122
	any Human Values & Cultural Perspectives	3	PPE Human Values & Cultural Persp. (HVCP)	---
	any Quantitative Reasoning	3	PPE Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	MAT 110
	any Science	3	PPE Science (SCI)	---
	any Social Science	3	PPE Social Science (SSCI)	PSY 111
	any Civics, Ethics & Citizenship	3	PPE Civics, Ethics & Citizenship (CIV)	---
	any Creative Expression	3	PPE Creative Expression (CREX)	GRAF 112 in major
Additional Peacock Professional Experience (Gen Ed) Electives (if needed)				
<i>All students must complete at least 30 hours of general education (Peacock Professional Experience) coursework. If the student has had specific general education requirements waived above, you must meet the 30-hour minimum using any general education course(s) not already applied in the Peacock Professional Experience section.</i>				
PPE 100	Peacock Professional Experience Elective	2	PPE Electives	ART 186
Major Courses				
GRAF 112	Introduction to Graphic Design	3	Major/PPE CREX	---
GRAF 132	Intro to Graphic Design Tools	3	Major	---
GRAF 280	Interaction Design	3	Major	---
GRAF 234	History of Graphic Design	3	Major	---
GRAF 319	Digital Video and Editing	3	Major	---
GRAF 333	Digital Illustration	3	Major	---
GRAF 335	Publication Design	3	Major	---
GRAF 355	Typography	3	Major	GRD 405
GRAF 380	Advertising Design	3	Major	---
GRAF 442	Digital Animation	3	Major	---
GRAF 480	Senior Thesis & Portfolio	3	Major	---
<i>Three of the following:</i>		9-6	Major	ART 186
ART 110	Drawing	GRAF 218	Digital Photography	
ART 211	Art History I	MKT 208	Marketing Principles	
ART 212	Art History II	MKT 479	Branding	
Additional Electives				
Upper-Division Electives		9	Degree Requirements	---
Electives		2	Degree Requirements	---
Total additional credits needed at UIU to complete degree:		56		
Total transferable credits from DMACC:		64		
Total Earned Credits:		120		

Courses to be taken at Upper Iowa University



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LEGEND:

- #Transfer grades lower than a C- will not be accepted.
- **Bolded** text indicates UIU recommendations.
- *Grayed out text* indicates courses fulfilled through transfer. Strikethrough indicates specific course if within grouping.

A minimum of 120 semester credits is required for a baccalaureate degree; up to 78 lower-division college semester credits from Des Moines Area Community College. A minimum of 30 credits must be upper-division credits for a UIU baccalaureate degree; lower-division transfer work from Des Moines Area Community College does not contribute to the upper-division credit requirement at UIU.

This program transfer guide is based on the December 2025 course-to-course articulation (UIU 2025-26 catalog & DMACC 2025-26 catalog).

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this program articulation. The office of the Registrar of Upper Iowa University reserves the right to make corrections, additions, and deletions as necessary.

<i>Elective Transfer Table</i>						
DMACC ELECTIVES			Transfers as UIU Course			
Course Id	Course Name	# Cr	Course Id	Course Name	# Cr	Requirement Fulfilled
AAS Core Math Courses						
MAT 110	Math for Liberal Arts	3	MATH 101	Math for Liberal Arts	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 114 AND MAT 116	Elementary Educators Math I AND Elementary Educators Math II	3 AND 3	MATH 101	Math for Liberal Arts	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 121	College Algebra	4	MATH 107	College Algebra	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 129	Precalculus	5	MATH 107	College Algebra	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 130	Trigonometry	3	MATH 115	Trigonometry & Ana. Geometry	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 141	Finite Math	4	QR150	Quantitative Reasoning Gen Ed	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 156	Statistics	3	MATH 220	Elementary Statistics	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 162	Prin of Business Statistics	4	BA 256	Quant Analysis for Business I	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 164	Calculus for Business/Social Sci	4	QR150	Quantitative Reasoning Gen Ed	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
MAT 211	Calculus	5	MATH 120	Calculus	3	PPE Quant Reasoning
Option 1 in Semester 5						
ART 184	Principles of Photography	3	CREX 150	Creative Expression Gen Ed	3	PPE Creative Expr.
ART 186	Principles of Digital Photography	3	GRAF 218	Digital Photography & Editing	3	PPE Creative Expr. & Major
Any GRD course not in the program		3	----	----	3	Free Elective
Any WDV course not in the program		3	----	----	3	Free Elective
Any MKT course not in the program (MKT 110)		3	MKT 208	Marketing Principles	3	Major
Any MMS course not in the program (MMS 480)		3	GRAF 319	Digital Video & Editing	3	Major

Maximize Your Transfer to UIU

Take up to 14 credits to fulfill the Peacock Professional Experience (PPE), Major & Elective Requirements.

Choose up to 14 additional credits at Des Moines Area Community College to transfer into Upper Iowa University to fulfill PPE, Major & Elective requirements. Talk with your advisors to ensure additional courses will fit with your degree plan and financial aid requirements.

Choose up to 14 credits from the following areas:

- Science PPE Requirement – up to 3 credits
- Civics, Ethics and Citizenship PPE Requirement - up to 3 credits
- Human Values & Cultural Perspectives PPE Requirement – up to 3 credits
- Major Requirement – up to 6 credits (*must be lower-division, see table*)
- Elective Requirement – up to 2 credits

Additional Transfer Elective Guide

DMACC ELECTIVES			Transfers as UIU Course			
Course Id	Course Name	# Cr	Course Id	Course Name	# Cr	Requirement Fulfilled
Science PPE Requirement						
BIO 104	Introductory Biology w/ Lab	3	BIO 100	General Biological Science	3	PPE Science
BIO 112	General Biology I	4	BIO 135	Principles of Biology I	4	PPE Science
BIO 145	Ecology of Iowa	3	BIO 215	Local Field Science	3	PPE Science
BIO 146	Genetics	3	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	3	PPE Science
BIO 151	Nutrition	3	BIO 165	Human Biology & Nutrition	3	PPE Science
BIO 157	Human Biology	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
BIO 164	Essentials of Anatomy/Physiology	5	BIO 268	Intro to Human Anat/Physiology	5	PPE Science
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIO 270	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	PPE Science
BIO 225	Marine Biology I	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
BIO 227	Marine Biology II	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
BIO 260	Biology of Aging	3	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	3	PPE Science
BIO 295	General Ecology and Lab	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
BIO 732	Health Science Microbiology	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
BIO 733	Health Science Anatomy	3	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	3	PPE Science
BIO 734	Health Science Physiology	3	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	3	PPE Science
CHM 105	Survey of Chemistry	3	CHEM 140	Chemistry for Everyday Life	3	PPE Science
CHM 122	Intro to General Chemistry	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
CHM 132	Intro to Organic/Biochemistry	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
ENV 115	Environmental Science	3	ES 161	Intro to Environmental Science	3	PPE Science
HSC 128	Anatomy & Phys for Allied	3	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	3	PPE Science
PHS 166	Meteorology, Weather & Climate	4	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	4	PPE Science
PHY 710	Technical Physics	3	SCI 150	Science Gen Ed	3	PPE Science
Civics, Ethics & Citizenship PPE Requirement						
ECN 130	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 160	Principles of Microeconomics	3	PPE Civ/Ethics
HSV 133	Conflict Resolution	3	PSY 240	Conflict Resolution	3	PPE Civ/Ethics
PHI 105	Introduction to Ethics	3	PHIL 202	Contemporary Ethics	3	PPE Civ/Ethics
POL 111	American National Government	3	PS 100	US Government	3	PPE Civ/Ethics
POL 121	International Relations	3	PS 211	International Relations	3	PPE Civ/Ethics
POL 112	Amer. State & Local Government	3	PS 230	State & Local Government	3	PPE Civ/Ethics
SOC 165	Group Dynamics	3	PSY 232	Group Dynamics	3	PPE Civ/Ethics
Human Values & Cultural Perspectives PPE Requirement						
ANT 105	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTH 110	Intro. To Cultural Anthropology	3	PPE HVCP
COM 146	Gender, Sexuality & Media	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
COM 148	Diversity and the Media	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP

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GEO 124	Reg. Geog. Of the Nonwest World	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
GLS 200	Country Study	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
GLS 220	The Middle East & Islam	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
GLS 230	Latin America	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
HIS 257	African-American History	3	HIST 330	African American History	3	PPE HVCP
HSV 185	Discrimination and Diversity	3	SOC 240	Diversity in the US	3	PPE HVCP
JOU 113	Gender, Sexuality & Media	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
JOU 114	Diversity and the Media	3	HVCP 150	Hum. Values & Cltrl Persp. Gen Ed	3	PPE HVCP
LIT 130	African-American Literature	3	ENG 265	African American Literature	3	PPE HVCP
REL 101	Survey of World Religions	3	REL 120	Introduction to World Religions	3	PPE HVCP
SPC 120	Intercultural Communication	3	COMM 221	Intercultural Communication	3	PPE HVCP
SOC 200	Minority Group Relations	3	SOC 240	Diversity in the US	3	PPE HVCP
Major Requirement						
ART 133	Drawing Lab	3	ART 110	Drawing	3	PPE Creative Expr. & Major
ART 203	Art History I	3	ART 211	Art History I	3	Major
ART 204	Art History II	3	ART 212	Art History II	3	PPE Creative Expr. & Major
MKT 110	Principles of Marketing	3	MKT 208	Marketing Principles	3	Major