

Ellsworth Community College

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) – Graphic Design

Transfer guide to the [University of Northern Iowa](#)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) – Graphic Technology

1. When will I graduate?

Students transferring to UNI from this A.A.S. program at Ellsworth should **expect to complete 57 credits at UNI**. Assuming that the student is starting at UNI during the fall semester, it will take roughly four semesters (two years, a fall/spring/fall/spring sequence), with no summer course work, to graduate.

Transfer Credit Summary	Credits
A.A.S. credits transferring directly into UNI program	9
Other credits transferring to UNI	54
Total credits transferring towards UNI degree	63
Total credits needed at UNI	57 (120 total)

2. What A.A.S. courses transfer?

Upon completion of this A.A.S. degree, the following courses within the listed program at UNI will be completed:

- CS 1100 – Web Development: Client-Side Coding (3 cred.)
 - Students must complete **GRA 151** – Web Design at ECC.
- TECH 3169 – Digital Imaging (3 cred.)
- TECH 4184 – Digital Imaging II (3 cred.)
 - Students must complete **GRA 141** – Digital Imaging II at ECC.

3. What other courses transfer?

Other courses built into this A.A.S. curriculum, or open electives, will also transfer to UNI. The following courses are required to complete at Ellsworth as part of this A.A.S. curriculum:

- **ART 120** – 2-D Design (3 cred.)
- **ART 123** – 3-D Design (3 cred.)
- **ART 133** – Drawing (3 cred.)
- Communications (6 cred.)
 - Students should complete **ENG 111** – Technical Writing at ECC.
 - Students should complete **SPC 112** – Public Speaking **or** **SPC 122** – Interpersonal Communications at ECC.
- Humanities (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **LIT 120** – American Novel **or** **LIT 150** – World Literature I at ECC.
- Math (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **MAT 110** – Math for Liberal Arts **or** **MAT 121** – College Algebra at ECC.
- Social/Behavioral Science (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **PSY 111** – Introduction to Psychology **or** **SOC 110** – Introduction to Sociology at ECC.
- Additional university electives transferring (30 cred.)



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4. What would I study at UNI?

By completing the recommended A.A.S. degree plan, the student would be required to complete the courses in black, listed below, at UNI.

Graphic Technology Core		Cr.
ENGR 1000	Intro. to Eng. & Prof. Practices	3
CS 1100	Web Devel.: Client-Side Coding	3
TECH CM 1015	Introduction to Sustainability	3
TECH CM 1016	Computer-Aided Design	2
TECH 1055	Graphic Comm. Foundations	3
PHIL 1560	Science, Technology & Ethics	3
TECH 2070	Digital Pre-Media	3
TECH 2114	Making Cool Stuff	3
TECH 2119	Comp. App. in Technology	3
TECH 2405	Intro. to 3D Design & Proto.	3
TECH 3131	Technical Project Management	3
TECH 3150	Graphic Comm. Imaging	3
TECH 3169	Digital Imaging	3
TECH 3405	Packaging Design & Structure	3
ENGLISH 3772	Tech. Writing for Eng. Tech.	3
TECH 4093	Graphic Comm. Est. & Mgmt.	3
TECH 4161	Digital Graphic Communication	3
TECH 4184	Digital Imaging II	3
TECH 4187	App. Ind. Supervision & Mgmt.	3
ENGR 4500	Senior Design	3
Total Credits Remaining		47

UNI Foundational Inquiry (UNIFI)		Cr.
WR - Written Communication		3
OC - Oral Communication		3
QR - Quantitative Reasoning		3
HD - Human Condition (Domestic)		3
HG - Human Condition (Global)		3
SR - Scientific Reasoning (with Lab)		4
HE - Human Expression		3
RE - Responsibility		3
UNIFI certificate or UNIFI electives		12
Total UNIFI Credits Remaining		10

Credits needed to earn UNI degree 57

5. How would I complete my degree?

Based on the remaining coursework, below is a semester-by-semester breakdown of how the student would complete any remaining requirements at UNI.

Fall 1	Cr.
ENGR 1000	3
PHIL 1560	3
TECH 1016	2
TECH 1055	3
TECH 2114	3
Total	14

Fall 2	Cr.
TECH 2405	3
TECH 4093	3
TECH 4187	3
UNIFI course	4
Total	13

Spring 1	Cr.
TECH 1015	3
TECH 2070	3
TECH 2119	3
TECH 3131	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	15

Spring 2	Cr.
TECH 3150	3
TECH 3405	3
TECH 4161	3
ENGR 4500	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	15

Other Important Information

- This transfer guide is based off the 2025-2026 academic catalogs at UNI & Ellsworth Community College.
- Courses listed in the Remaining UNI Plan of Study (section 5) are subject to change at any time. This plan assumes transfer students start in the fall semester.
- This transfer guide assumes the student is only transferring in coursework from this A.A.S. degree plan. Students **may transfer additional credits to UNI**, which will be evaluated on an individual basis.
- The UNI Foundational Inquiry (UNIFI) at UNI is the collection of general education courses required by the institution to fulfill the university's mission. For more information, visit unifi.uni.edu.