

Kirkwood Community College

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) – Visual Communication & 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 Kirkwood should **expect to complete 66 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 two summer courses, to graduate.

Transfer Credit Summary	Credits
A.A.S. credits transferring directly into UNI program	12
Other credits transferring to UNI (Gen eds or electives)	42
Total credits transferring towards UNI degree	54
Total credits needed at UNI	66 (120 total)

2. Which A.A.S. courses transfer directly into the GT major?

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.)
- TECH 1055 – Graphic Communications Foundations (3 cred.)
- TECH 2070 – Digital Pre-Media (3 cred.)
- TECH 3169 – Digital Imaging (3 cred.)

3. Which A.A.S. courses transfer directly to UNI as “gen eds” or electives?

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 Kirkwood as part of this A.A.S. curriculum:

- **ART 133** – Drawing (3 cred.)
- Approved Math course (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **MAT 120** – College Algebra **or** **MAT 157** – Statistics at Kirkwood.
- Communications course (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **ENG 105**–Composition I & **ENG 106**–Composition II at Kirkwood.
- **PSY 111** – Introduction to Psychology (3 cred.)
- **SPC 101** – Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3 cred.)
- Additional university electives transferring (27 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		19

Credits needed to earn UNI degree	66
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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.	Spring 1		Cr.
ENGR 1000		3	PHIL 1560		3
TECH CM 1015		3	TECH 2114		3
TECH CM 1016		2	TECH 2119		3
UNIFI course		3	TECH 3131		3
UNIFI course		3	UNIFI course		3
Total		14	Total		15

Summer 1		Cr.
UNIFI course		3
UNIFI course		3
Total		6

Fall 2		Cr.	Spring 2		Cr.
TECH 2405		3	TECH 3150		3
ENGLISH 3772		3	TECH 3405		3
TECH 4093		3	TECH 4161		3
TECH 4187		3	ENGR 4184		3
UNIFI course		4	ENGR 4500		3
Total		16	Total		15

Other Important Information

- This transfer guide is based off the 2025-2026 academic catalogs at UNI & Kirkwood 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.