

North Iowa Area 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 NIACC should **expect to complete 61 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 coursework, to graduate.

Transfer Credit Summary	Credits
A.A.S. credits transferring directly into UNI program	9
Other credits transferring to UNI (Gen eds or electives)	50
Total credits transferring towards UNI degree	59
Total credits needed at UNI	61 (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 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 NIACC 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.)
- **ART 143** – Painting (3 cred.)
- **ART 187** – Creative Photography (3 cred.)
- **ENG 105** – Composition I & **ENG 106** – Composition II (3 cred.)
 - Students must complete ENG 105 – Composition I & ENG 106 – Composition II at NIACC to satisfy the Written Communication requirement at UNI.
- Natural Science/Math elective (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **MAT 110** – Math for Liberal Arts **or** **MAT 156** – Introduction to Statistics at NIACC.
- Additional university electives transferring (29 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
CONSTR 1015	Introduction to Sustainability	3
TECH 1024	Engineering Design with CAD	3
TECH 1055	Graphic Comm. Foundations	3
PHIL 1560	Science, Technology & Ethics	3
TECH 2070	Digital Pre-Media	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		48

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		0
Total UNIFI Credits Remaining		13

Credits needed to earn UNI degree	61
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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.
ENGR 1000	3
PHIL 1560	3
TECH 1024	3
TECH 1055	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	15

Fall 2	Cr.
TECH 2405	3
ENGLISH 3772	3
TECH 4093	3
TECH 4187	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	16

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

Spring 2	Cr.
TECH 3150	3
TECH 3405	3
TECH 4161	3
TECH 4184	3
ENGR 4500	3
Total	15

Other Important Information

- This transfer guide is based off the 2026-2027 academic catalogs at UNI & North Iowa Area 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.