

## Southwestern 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 Southwestern should **expect to complete 63 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 one summer course, to graduate.

Transfer Credit Summary	Credits
A.A.S. credits transferring directly into UNI major	12
Other credits transferring to UNI (Gen eds or electives)	45
Total credits transferring towards UNI degree	57
<b>Total credits needed at UNI</b>	<b>63</b> (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 2119 – Computer Applications in Technology (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 Southwestern as part of this A.A.S. curriculum:

- **ART 120** – 2-D Design (3 cred.)
- **ART 133** – Drawing (3 cred.)
- **MAT 110** – Math for Liberal Arts (3 cred.)
- **SPC 101** – Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3 cred.)
- Social Sciences/Humanities elective (3 cred.)
  - Students should complete **PSY 111** – Introduction to Psychology or **SOC 110** – Introduction to Sociology.
- 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
<del>CS 1100</del>	<del>Web Devel.: Client-Side Coding</del>	<del>3</del>
TECH CM 1015	Introduction to Sustainability	3
TECH CM 1016	Computer-Aided Design	2
<del>TECH 1055</del>	<del>Graphic Comm. Foundations</del>	<del>3</del>
PHIL 1560	Science, Technology & Ethics	3
<del>TECH 2070</del>	<del>Digital Pre-Media</del>	<del>3</del>
TECH 2114	Making Cool Stuff	3
<del>TECH 2119</del>	<del>Comp. App. in Technology</del>	<del>3</del>
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
<del>OC - Oral Communication</del>		<del>3</del>
<del>QR - Quantitative Reasoning</del>		<del>3</del>
<del>HD - Human Condition (Domestic)</del>		<del>3</del>
HG - Human Condition (Global)		3
SR - Scientific Reasoning (with Lab)		4
<del>HE - Human Expression</del>		<del>3</del>
<del>RE - Responsibility</del>		<del>3</del>
UNIFI certificate or UNIFI electives		6
Total UNIFI Credits Remaining		16

Credits needed to earn UNI degree 63

#### 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
TECH CM 1015	3
TECH CM 1016	2
TECH 2405	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	14

Spring 1	Cr.
PHIL 1560	3
TECH 3131	3
TECH 3150	3
TECH 3405	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	15

Summer 1	Cr.
UNIFI course	3
Total	3

Fall 2	Cr.
TECH 2114	3
TECH 3169	3
ENGLISH 3772	3
TECH 4093	3
UNIFI course	4
Total	16

Spring 2	Cr.
TECH 4161	3
TECH 4184	3
TECH 4187	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 & Southwestern 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](http://unifi.uni.edu).