

## Graphic Design MFA curriculum

**Core:** 36 hours  
**Electives:** 16 hours; can be in- or outside School of Art + Design  
**Seminars:** 8 hours; graduate credit for a lecture based, non-studio 400/500 level  
**Total:** 64 hours

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	ARTD 595 MFA Laboratory (4 hrs) ARTD 445 MFA Seminar (4 hrs) Elective (4 hrs)  (End of term review)	ARTD 595 MFA Laboratory (4 hrs) ARTE 501 Issues in Art Education Elective (4 hrs)  (Candidacy Review)
Year 2	ARTD 595 MFA Laboratory (4 hrs) ARTD 445 MFA Seminar (4 hrs) Elective (4 hrs) <i>Formation of Thesis/Scholarly Paper committee</i> (End of term review)	ARTD 595 MFA Laboratory (4 hrs) Elective (4 hrs) Elective (4 hrs)  (Candidacy Review)
Year 3	ARTD 595 MFA Laboratory (4 hrs) Elective (4 hrs) Elective (4 hrs)  (End of term review)	ARTD 591 Independent Study with Thesis Advisor - Studio (4 hrs) ARTD 591 Independent Study with Thesis Advisor - Writing (4 hrs) Elective (4 hrs)  <i>Final Project, Scholarly Paper &amp; Public Presentation/Exhibition</i>

The final graduation project will be publicly exhibited or presented, and will include a written component (scholarly paper). The project will need committee approval. Committee consist of (at least) 3 Art + Design faculty.

University of Illinois coursework can be found here: <https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/2018/spring>

For School of Art + Design coursework see categories ART, ARTD, ARTE, ARTH, ARTS