



**Credits Required: 30 Credits Minimum**

MA in Graphic Design students must complete 30 credits to graduate. Students register for a minimum of 15 credits total per semester to reach 30 credits.

Term	Course	Course #	Credits
Semester I	Graphic Design MA Studio 1	GD 5010	6 Credits
	Typography Intensive	GD 5325	3 Credits
	Design Theory and Practice	GLA 5402	3 Credits
	Elective (1)	Various	3 Credits
Semester II	Graphic Design MA Studio 2	GD 5020	6 Credits
	Graphic Design MA Workshop	GD 5025	3 Credits
	Transmedia Type Lab	GD 5530	3 Credits
	Elective (1)	Various	3 Credits
			<b>TOTAL = 30 Credits</b>

**Maximizing your Academic Opportunities**

Students may take up to 19.5 credits per semester to enhance their academic experience beyond the 30 credits required in the Graphic Design MA degree plan. Consider additional electives, ELL workshops, and ongoing Professional Development coursework. It's important to be mindful of your studio time as well as Graduate Teaching Internships during the week when building your schedule. Your program director is a great resource to discuss both time management and electives that complement your practice.

# MA Graphic Design: DEGREE PLAN WORKSHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## A. REQUIRED: STUDIOS / COURSEWORK (24 CREDITS) *Complete All of the Following*

TERM	COURSE #	COURSE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
Semester I	GD 5010	Graphic Design MA Studio 1	6		
	GD 5325	Typography Intensive	3		
	GLA 5402	Design Theory and Practice	3		
Semester II	GD 5020	Graphic Design MA Studio 2	6		
	GD 5030	Transmedia Type Lab	3		
	GD 5025	MA Graphic Design Workshop	3		

## B. REQUIRED: ELECTIVES (6 CREDITS) *Complete All of the Following*

- Choose from the Graduate Electives or Undergraduate level electives - **MA students must receive a grade of B or better in Undergraduate courses to receive graduate credit**
- Baltimore Student Exchange Program, or Independent Study
- Internships for studio / liberal art credit approved through the Office of Career Development
- Additional elective courses available through MICA's Open Studies

TERM	COURSE #	COURSE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
Semester I			3		
Semester II			3		

## C. OPTIONAL: ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE

## D. OPTIONAL: Writing Workshops and Courses (For English Language Learners)

- Students may apply up to 3 Workshop credits (maximum) toward required Liberal Arts Credit

COURSE #	WORKSHOP TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
CWRT 5015		1.5		
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COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
CWRT 5017	Grad Writing: Curating Ideas	3	Fall Only	
CWRT 5513	Intercultural Discourse	3	Fall Only	
CWRT 5580	Reading Literature for Artistic Inspiration	3	Fall Only	

## E. OPTIONAL: YOU + PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

- PD Coursework also available through Open Studies.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
		1		
		1		
		1		

## F. OPTIONAL: CERTIFICATE IN COLLEGE TEACHING OF ART

- MA students can earn a Certificate in College Teaching of Art by the successful completion of three GTIs and the graduate course ED 5533 Philosophy and Pedagogy of Post-Secondary Education.
- A graduate student in the role of GTI works in an undergraduate course under the supervision of a faculty member. GTIs are expected to be present for every class meeting, and to collaborate with the mentoring instructor, working no more than an average of 6 (six) hours per week.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
GLA 5533	Philosophy and Pedagogy (satisfies 3 credits of Graduate Liberal Arts)		

GRADUATE TEACHING INTERNSHIPS		INSTRUCTOR	TERM / YEAR
1			
2			
3			
4			

## CHOOSING ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

### Recommended Graduate Electives

Review the Schedule of Courses for a complete list of graduate studio, liberal art and professional development elective courses. Students can also choose from dozens of elective courses, graduate or undergraduate, listed in the full schedule of classes at [www.mica.edu](http://www.mica.edu).

### Baltimore Student Exchange Program

Explore elective courses at our partner institutions (Johns Hopkins University and University of Baltimore) through the Baltimore Student Exchange Program. Forms and approval required through Enrollment Services. Contact Carissa Mattern, BSEP Coordinator, [cmattern@mica.edu](mailto:cmattern@mica.edu), in the Office of Enrollment Services with questions / approval.

**Independent Study**

Independent study courses provide students the opportunity to develop and conduct self-designed research projects in collaboration with campus faculty. Independent study courses require the instructor approval, and a completed contract complying with MICA standards. Forms should be returned to the Office of Enrollment Services.

**Internship for Credit**

Professional internships may also be substituted for studio / liberal arts elective credit with permission from your program director. Students must attend an Internship Orientation through the Office of Career Development. Visit MICA's Career Development Office online for more information.

**ENROLLING IN ELECTIVE COURSES**

Graduate students can register for graduate - level courses via MICA's online enrollment system. To register for an undergraduate level course, **with prerequisites or enrollment restrictions**, you will need to request approval through your graduate advisor.

**ADVISING / REGISTRATION SUPPORT**

**It is strongly recommended that you schedule an advising appointment to review your degree plan / progress to graduation.** Your graduate advisor is available to assist you in the enrollment process. Schedule an through Enrollment Services, [enrollmentservices@mica.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@mica.edu).