

Transfer Guide between Maricopa Community Colleges and Grand Canyon University



Associate in Arts – Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Graphic Design

General Education requirements, excluding University Foundations and Christian Worldview, will be considered fulfilled in the event a student has completed one of the following Associate degrees:

- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Associate in Business (ABUS)
- Associate General Education Curriculum (AGEC – A, B or S)

In the event a student has not earned one of the aforementioned Associate level degrees, all general education coursework will be required to complete GCU's Baccalaureate degree.

The following table outlines the requirements needed to receive an Associate in Arts from Maricopa Community Colleges. Within the tables below are preferred courses from Maricopa Community Colleges that are applicable towards Grand Canyon University's transfer-oriented Bachelor of Arts degree programs. The General Education courses outlined below are not course to course equivalencies, however they will fulfill the requirements for each competency. If the General Education GCU course has a (+) symbol, it indicates that the transferring course must be a direct course equivalency. All Program Major Transferrable Courses must be a direct course equivalency.

Maricopa Community Colleges – Associate in Arts (AA)	Credits	Grand Canyon University – Bachelor of Arts in Advertising & Graphic Design	GCU Applied Semester Credits
General Education Requirements			
Effective Communication (13 - 16 Credits)			
ENG-101: First-Year Composition OR ENG-107: First-Year Composition for ESL	3	+ ENG-105: English Composition	3
ENG-102: First Year Composition OR ENG-108: First-Year Composition for ESL	3	Effective Communication	3
COM-110: Interpersonal Communication	3	Effective Communication	3
Literacy & Critical Inquiry [L]	3	Effective Communication	3
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Critical Thinking (3 - 4 Credits)			
MAT-140/141/142/145/146: College Mathematics OR higher [MA] approved course	3 - 6	+ MAT-144: College Mathematics	3 - 6
Global Awareness (10 - 12 Credits)			
Social and Behavioral Sciences [SB]	3	Global Awareness	3
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Humanities and Fine Arts [HU]	3	Global Awareness	3
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Additional Maricopa Requirements			
CRE-101 or Equivalent as indicated by assessment	3	Elective Credit	3
Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications [CS]	3	Elective Credit	3
Awareness Areas – Select one [C] course and one [G] or [H] course	6	Elective Credit	6
Natural Sciences – Select two [SQ] courses or one [SQ] and one [SG] course with lab	8	Elective Credit	8
General Electives	13	Select a minimum of 13 credits (to optimize transfer to GCU major, reference “Program Major” table for applicable coursework)	13
Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Graphic Design: Program Major Transferrable Courses			
MKT-263: Advertising Principles	3	ADV-110: Fundamentals of Advertising	3
ART-169: Two-Dimensional Computer Design	3	DDN-110: Design Fundamentals	3
ADA-177: Computer-Photographic Imaging OR ART-142: Introduction to Digital Photography	3	DDN-215: Digital Photography	3
ART-183: Computer Aided Graphic Arts I	3	DDN-210: Designing with Type	3
CIS-133DA: Internet & Web Development Level I OR CIS-166AC: Web Scripting with ASP.NET	3	^ DDN-300: Web Design	3
ART-192: Advanced Web Presentation Design	3	^ DDN-350: Web Design II	3

Credits completed at MCCCDC may exceed 60 if students choose to take all courses listed above.

Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Associate of Arts at MCCCDC	60 Credits
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All students must meet 36 Upper Division credit requirement, as well as 30 GCU credits to meet residency requirement. Students must meet Upper Division credit requirement even if content of an Upper Division course requirement is met with a Lower Division course.

Symbol Key	
+	Symbol indicates the MCCCDC course must meet specific content requirements (or higher) in order to fulfill GCU’s course.
^	Symbol indicates the MCCCDC course meets the content requirement but does not fulfill GCU’s upper division requirements.

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Course #	Bachelor of Arts	Semester Credits
Non-transferable GCU General Education: 8 Credits		
UNV-303	University Success	4
CWV-301	Christian Worldview	4
Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Graphic Design: Program Major		
DDN-101	Design Thinking	4
DDN-120	Production Methods	4
ADV-250	Advanced Design Fundamentals	4
ADV-260	Advertising Copywriting	4
ADV-355	Image Creation	4
ADV-340	Media Law and Ethics	4
ADV-350	Digital Advertising Communication	4
ADV-371	Design Studio I	4
ADV-456	Design Studio II	4
DDN-475	Advanced Design Practicum	4
ADV-471	Design Studio III	4
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete an Associate in Arts – Maricopa Community Colleges		60 Credits
Credits Completed at Grand Canyon University		55 - 60 Credits
Credits completed at Grand Canyon University may fluctuate contingent upon coursework successfully completed at the transferring institution. Courses are not listed twice on the transfer guide, so any courses not completed at the transferring institution will still be required as part of the GCU program. Students are required to complete a minimum of 120 credits to earn the Bachelor of Arts degree. If the student completes additional courses at the transferring institution, credits may not apply to their GCU program.		
Remaining open elective credits needed to earn Bachelor of Arts degree at Grand Canyon University varies based on program major requirements.		
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Bachelor of Arts in Advertising and Graphic Design at Grand Canyon University		120 Credits

For additional graduation requirements, please see the <https://www.gcu.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Academic-Catalog/University-Policy-Handbook.pdf>. Students with transfer credit that applies to this program will shorten the time to completion from that stated on this transfer guide. Please contact your Counselor for more information. <https://www.gcu.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Academic-Catalog/University-Policy-Handbook.pdf>

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