

# VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN SF SCHOLARS ROADMAP

The San Francisco State Scholars program provides undergraduate students with an accelerated pathway to a graduate degree. Students in this program pursue a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously. This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their junior and/or senior year, reducing the number of semesters required for completion of a master's degree.

Course	Title	Units
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
ENG 114	Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2) <sup>1</sup>	3
GE Area A <sup>2</sup>		3
GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) <sup>3</sup>		3
GE Area C		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
	Units	15
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
GE Area A		3
GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3) <sup>4</sup>		3-4
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
GE Area E		3
	Units	15-16
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) <sup>4</sup>		3-4
GE Area D		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three		9
	Units	15-16
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
GE Area C		3
GE Area D		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three		9
	Units	15
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
DES 322	Computer Graphic Imaging (Major Core Foundation)	3
DES 323	Visual Design Literacy (Major Core Prerequisite)	3
DES 356	A History of Design and Technology (Major Core Prerequisite) <sup>5</sup>	3

DES 370	Introduction to Design (Major Core Prerequisite)	1
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take One <sup>6</sup>		3
GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)		3
	Units	16
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
DES 300	Design Process (Major Core Foundation)	3
DES 320	Drafting and Sketching for Design (Major Core Foundation)	3
DES 325	Graphic Design I (Major Prerequisite)	3
DES 324GW	Research and Writing for Design - GWAR (Major Core Foundation)	3
DES 327	Interactive Design I (Major Prerequisite)	3
	Units	15
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
Major Electives (18 units total) - Take One <sup>6</sup>		3
GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)		3
	Units	6
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take Three <sup>6</sup>		9
Major Requirements (9 Units Total) - Take Two <sup>7</sup>		6
	Units	15
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
DES 570	Professional Practices for Designers (Major Culminating Requirement)	3
DES 700	Seminar in Design Research (Graduate Core)	3
Major Requirements (9 Units Total) - Take One <sup>7</sup>		3
Graduate Elective (9 Units Total) - Take Two <sup>8</sup>		6
	Units	15
<b>Fifth Year</b>		
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
DES 505	Senior Design Project (Major Culminating Requirement)	3
	Units	3

**Fall Semester**

DES 724	Graduate Research Methods and Scholarly Writing for Creative Disciplines (Graduate Core)	3
DES 800	Seminar in Design Topics (Graduate Core)	3
DES 852	Directed Experience in Design (Graduate Core)	3
Graduate Elective (9 Units Total) - Take One <sup>8</sup>		3
Units		12

**Spring Semester**

DES 755	Seminar in Design Management (Graduate Core)	3
DES 805	Seminar in Design Methodology (Graduate Core)	3
DES 894 or DES 898	Creative Work Project (Graduate Core) or Master's Thesis	3
Units		9
Total Units		151-153

<sup>7</sup> **Major Requirements (9 units)**

Select three of the following:  
 DES 425 Graphic Design II (3 units)  
 DES 427 Interactive Design II (3 units)  
 DES 525 Graphic Design III: Advanced (3 units)  
 DES 527 Interactive Design III (3 units)  
 DES 627 Advanced Projects in Visual Communication Design (3 units)

<sup>8</sup> **Graduate Electives (9 units)**

Select supporting upper-division/graduate courses as approved by Graduate Coordinator.

<sup>1</sup> ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

<sup>2</sup> To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet **SF State Studies** requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.

<sup>3</sup> Depending on courses completed through Early Start, students in Pathway/Category III or IV may be required to enroll in a support course to complement their Quantitative Reasoning/B4 requirement. There are multiple course options for this pathway. Before enrolling in a B4 course, students should verify their MATH Pathway/Category in their Student Center (<http://cms.sfsu.edu/content/student-center/>). Information regarding the courses that correspond with your MATH Pathway/Category can be found on the Developmental Studies Office Website (<http://developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu/>).

<sup>4</sup> Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

<sup>5</sup> Upper-Division General Education, Arts and/or Humanities (UD-C) is satisfied upon completion of DES 356.

<sup>6</sup> **Major Electives (18 units)**

Six of the 18 elective units must be in Design and selected in consultation with a Design advisor.