# Visual Communication Design SF Scholars Roadmap

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## First Year

### Fall Semester
- **ENG 114**
  - Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice (A2)  
  - 3 units
- **GE Area A**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4)**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area C**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area D**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area E**
  - 3 units

## Spring Semester
- **GE Area A**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3)**
  - 3-4 units
- **GE Area C**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area D**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area E**
  - 3 units

## Units 15-16

## Second Year

### Fall Semester
- **GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3)**
  - 3-4 units
- **GE Area D**
  - 3 units
- **SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two**
  - 6 units

## Units 12-13

### Spring Semester
- **GE Area C**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area D**
  - 3 units
- **SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three**
  - 9 units

## Units 15

## Third Year

### Fall Semester
- **DES 322**
  - Computer Graphic Imaging (Major Core Foundation)
  - 3 units
- **DES 323**
  - Visual Design Literacy (Major Core Prerequisite)
  - 3 units
- **DES 356**
  - A History of Design and Technology (Major Core Prerequisite)
  - 3 units
- **DES 370**
  - Introduction to Design (Major Core Prerequisite)
  - 1 unit
- **Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take One**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)**
  - 3 units

## Units 16

## Fourth Year

### Summer Semester
- Major Electives (18 units total) - Take One
  - 3 units
- **GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course)**
  - 3 units
- **GE Area UD-C: Upper-Division Arts and/or Humanities (Consider SF State Studies Course)**
  - 3 units

## Units 15

### Fall Semester
- Major Electives (18 Units Total) - Take Three
  - 9 units
- Major Requirements (9 Units Total) - Take Two
  - 6 units

## Units 9

## Spring Semester
- **DES 570**
  - Professional Practices for Designers (Major Culminating Requirement)
  - 3 units
- **DES 700**
  - Seminar in Design Research (Graduate Core)
  - 3 units
- Major Requirements (9 Units Total) - Take One
  - 3 units
- Graduate Elective (9 Units Total) - Take Two
  - 6 units

## Units 15

## Fifth Year

### Summer Semester
- **DES 505**
  - Senior Design Project (Major Culminating Requirement)
  - 3 units

## Units 3

### Fall Semester
- **DES 724**
  - Graduate Research Methods and Scholarly Writing for Creative Disciplines (Graduate Core)
  - 3 units
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**Spring Semester**

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**Total Units** 151-153

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1. 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.

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

3. 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. Information regarding the courses that correspond with your MATH Pathway/Category can be found on the Developmental Studies Office Website.

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

5. **Major Electives (18 units)**
   Six of the 18 elective units must be in Design and selected in consultation with a Design advisor.

6. **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)

7. **Graduate Electives (9 units)**
   Select supporting upper-division/graduate courses as approved by Graduate Coordinator.