The pre-professional Graphic Design program typically takes one year to complete. After completing the pre-professional program requirements, students may apply to the professional Graphic Design program. Students will not be permitted to take professional Graphic Design coursework without acceptance into the professional Graphic Design program. If admitted into the professional Graphic Design program, it will take students three additional years to complete the professional program regardless of transfer credit standing.

Admission into the professional Graphic Design program is subject to a competitive application process. If accepted to the professional program a laptop will be required, please see the College of Business Advising website for specifications. To apply and be considered for admission, all pre-professional graphic design students must meet the following requirements:

- Be declared as a Pre-Graphic Design major.
- Have a minimum OSU cumulative GPA of 2.5. Note: The average GPA of those who were accepted in the 2014 cohort was 3.33.
- Have completed and received a C- or better in all courses below.
- Have completed at least 40 credits of course work at OSU by the end of the spring 2016 term.

Pre-professional graphic design core courses that must be completed by the end of the Spring 2016 term with a C- or better:

- DHE 160 Design Perspectives 4
- DHE 161 Design Explorations 4
- DHE 121 Computer Design 3
- WR 121 English Composition (WR I) 3
- Bacc Core Science 4
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- COMM 111, COMM 114, or COMM 218 3
- MTH 105, MTH 111, MTH 112, or higher level MTH 3-5

Professional Portfolio Review:
Admission to the Graphic Design program is determined at the end of spring term of the first year.

- GD 126 Portfolio 1
Employment Information
The program at OSU is recognized as one of the top undergraduate Graphic Design programs in the Northwest. Graduates are placed in top design studios and graduate programs throughout the country. Graduates are familiar with new media and graphic design processes.

Graphic design graduates work as motion, graphic, web, and type designers. Additionally, they may also become advertising, marketing, and brand specialists.

Skills Needed for Career Field
- Accuracy
- Complex Problem Solving
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Creativity
- Drafting & Drawing
- Eye for Detail
- Industry-Specific Software
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Time Management
- Writing

Possible Careers
- Advertising & Logo Designer
- Desktop Publisher
- Design Director
- Digital Communications Specialist
- Graphic Designer
- Illustrator
- Production Artist
- Publicity Specialist
- Web Designer

Where Graduates Are Working
- Adidas
- Adobe
- Alpha Broadcasting and Clip Interactive
- Blazers
- Cafelli
- Collaborative Portland
- Dakine
- Ecova
- HEREENOW
- Incubate
- Madison Avenue Collection
- Nike
- Second Story Interactive
- Spoke Branding
- Uliko Studio
- Walmart Labs

Additional Resources
O*Net http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/27-1024.00