

Graphic Design

RISD Continuing Education Certificate



A field that incorporates type, images, visual acuity, conceptual fluidity and technical skill, graphic design is foundational within design.

It is useful to multiple sectors seeking to engage people, and represent ideas, perspectives and relationships in visual form. The certificate synthesizes learning about design principles, visual thinking, graphic form, typography and digital technology through hands-on work, design challenges, peer critique and independent projects—enabling students to develop fluency and confidence with the field and their own practice. As a creative form with multiple potential user interfaces, this certificate provides students with foundational learning in brand strategy and implementation across print, digital and interactive.

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Total Program Cost: \$10,210

Based on current tuition rates; subject to change over the course of your program. Service fees, supplies, software subscription fees and other materials are not included.

LEVEL I: CORE

Required course number & title

	SEMESTERS OFFERED	COURSE LENGTH	TUITION
0637 Drawing Fundamentals I	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475
0638 Drawing Fundamentals II	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475
0623 Design I	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475
0624 Design II	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475
1186 Applied Color	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475
1466 Digital Design Fundamentals	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475
1467 Digital Design for the Web	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475

LEVEL II: CONCENTRATION

Required course number & title

0791 Graphic Design: Introduction	F, W, Sp, Su	6 weeks	\$475
0714 Graphic Form	W, Su	6 weeks	\$475
9053 Graphic Structures and Systems (Part A)	F, Sp Session I	6 weeks	\$475
9054 Graphic Structures and Systems (Part B)	F, Sp Session II	6 weeks	\$475
9066 Typographics I: Elements & Process (Part A)	F, Sp Session I	6 weeks	\$475
9067 Typographics I: Elements & Process (Part B)	F, Sp Session II	6 weeks	\$475
0776 Thinking Visually	W, Su	6 weeks	\$475
4151 Type and Image	W, Su	6 weeks	\$475
9025 Typographics II: Studio Practice (Part A)	F, Sp Session I	6 weeks	\$475
9026 Typographics II: Studio Practice (Part B)	F, Sp Session II	6 weeks	\$475
4146 Graphic Design Studio: Professional Identity	W, Su	6 weeks	\$475
2589 Final Studio: Graphic Design (includes a final portfolio review)	F, Sp (full semester)	12 weeks	\$710

ELECTIVES

Student's Choice – Two 6-week courses (may be taken any time)	F, W, Sp, Su	Two 6-wk courses	\$950
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Fall and Spring semesters are comprised of two 6-week sessions; Winter and Summer are single 6-week sessions. Some courses may be offered more frequently than indicated above. All courses are fully online.



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Find your potential path! Our curriculum is designed to accommodate busy lives. You can start in the Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer, depending on what works best for you. The paths below show the quickest progression through the program (enrolling in up to two classes per session), but you may wish to adjust this schedule to complete the program at your own pace. Note: Fall and Spring are comprised of two 6-week sessions (separated by white line below); Winter and Summer semesters are single 6-week sessions.



FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
Two 6-week sessions	One 6-week session	Two 6-week sessions	One 6-week session

Have questions? Contact us at ceadvising@risd.edu