### COURSE SYLLABUS

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<th>Course Title:</th>
<th>Typography &amp; Design II</th>
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<td>Department:</td>
<td>Art</td>
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<td>Curriculum:</td>
<td>Graphic Design</td>
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<td>Course Code:</td>
<td>GRA*205</td>
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<td>Prerequisites:</td>
<td>C- or better in Typography and Design I (GRA*203)</td>
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<td>Elective Type:</td>
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<td>Corequisites:</td>
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<td>Other Requirements:</td>
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**Course Descriptors:**
Make certain that the course descriptors are consistent with college and Board of Trustees policies, and the current course numbering system.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Contact Hours:**
- Lecture: 2
- Studio: 2
- Other: 0
- TOTAL: 4

**Class Maximum:** 20

**Semesters Offered:** None

**Ability-Based Education (ABE) Statement:**
At Tunxis Community College students are assessed on the knowledge and skills they have learned. The faculty identified the General Education Abilities critical to students' success in their professional and personal lives. In every class, students are assessed on course abilities, sometimes program abilities, and, in most classes, at least one General Education Ability. Students will receive an evaluation of the degree to which they have demonstrated or not demonstrated that General Education Ability.

**Catalog Course Description:**
This course focuses on the further exploration of typographic studies. Students will apply previously learned design and typography theory to conceptualize solutions to more complex visual communication problems through the use of professional level graphic design page layout software (InDesign). This intense focus in graphic design will further a student’s production skills and knowledge, extend the student’s capacity for conceptual thinking and visual problem solving, and allow for the further exploration of the creative and practical aspects of typography and the special relationship between type and image.
1. Further exploration and application of design process
   A. Thumbnails, comps, presentation, criticism, evaluation, refinement, and production

2. Further exploration of issues in typography
   A. Typeface choice
   B. Kerning
   C. Paragraph indication
   D. Type size
   E. Weight
   F. Type on image/screen
   G. X-height
   H. Capitalization
   I. Display initials
   J. Line length
   K. Stance
   L. Word emphasis
   M. Leading
   N. Alignment
   O. Text wraps
   P. Mixing typeface
   Q. Hierarchy
   R. Reverse text
   S. Letter/word space
   T. Type distortion

3. Further exploration and application of typography in design
   A. Type as a communication tool
      1. Readability of typefaces
      2. Type structure (line length/leading/spacing)
      3. Information hierarchy
   B. Type as a design element
      1. Type choice and relationship to content
      2. Scale/color/value of type
      3. Visual qualities of type selection
      4. Composition of typographic elements on a page
      5. Visual impact

4. Further exploration and application of image in design
   A. Kinds of images – line art/graphic/drawing/illustration/photography
   B. Reasons for image choice
      1. Relationship to message
      2. Impact (visual and conceptual)
      3. Budget/reproduction considerations
      4. Style

5. Further exploration and application of color in design
   A. Black and white
   B. Grey scale and value
   C. Spot color
   D. Full color

6. Further exploration and application of image in design
   A. Kinds of images – line art/graphic/drawing/illustration/photography
   B. Reasons for image choice
      1. Relationship to message
      2. Impact (visual and conceptual)
      3. Budget/reproduction considerations
4. Style

7. Further exploration and application of page layout and composition
   A. Format options and choice
   B. Use of page edge and margins
   C. Flat space vs. overlapping space
   D. Focal point, balance, and hierarchy
   E. Image, shape, and negative space

8. Further exploration of visual hierarchy in design
   A. Visual weight
   B. Type contrast
   C. Groups and space
   D. Shape and value

9. Grids in page layout and composition
   PROJECT – magazine page layout and design

10. Large format design and working in series
    PROJECT – information poster and mailer design

11. Publication design and information sequence
    PROJECT – folder brochure
        A. Multi-panel folded publication construction
        B. Automating layout/design functions using InDesign
        C. Imposition and pagination

12. Copyright laws and how they apply to art and design

13. Portfolio presentation

NOTE: Projects listed to address particular topics are suggestions, not mandated.

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

COURSE:

Through a series of lectures, demonstrations, and projects, students will learn and apply the advanced principles of typography and layout. Depending on level of successful completion of the course, students will be able to analyze a visual communication problem, develop a concept, and create and successfully output a well designed and technically accurate design solution that incorporates advanced skills in typography, layout/composition, and image using page composition software — specifically Adobe InDesign. In this effort, students will:

1. Acquire advanced knowledge of the creative uses of typography, color, and image through analysis and critique of existing design pieces, and the creation of original visual communication designs.

2. Acquire advanced knowledge of type styles and components of typography, typographic measurement systems, typographic, and layout terminology.

3. Demonstrate the development of advanced visual and conceptual skills through the ability to analyze a visual communication problem, develop visual concepts, and create design solutions that respond to audience needs through information gathering, analysis, idea development, assessment, and refinement in the creation of design projects.

4. Be able to compose visually dynamic design layouts that incorporate visual hierarchy, type, image, color, and graphic elements to effectively communicate and support the content of a design.

5. Develop advanced skills in the technical processes of graphic design as demonstrated through the successful creation of technically accurate design pieces using the document construction and
6. Acquire project management skills through demonstrated knowledge of project goals, setting priorities to meet project milestones and completion dates.

7. Understand the business related responsibilities of a graphic designer in the design and production of visual communication pieces, and the necessity of working in a collaborative work environment.

8. Work in a self directed manner with little direct supervision.

9. Demonstrate the development of visual and conceptual skills required to create a successful design solution through the process of idea development, refinement, and assessment in the creation of design projects.

10. Effectively communicate an understanding of design concepts, processes, and techniques, using the “language” of design.

11. Present a portfolio of work showing knowledge and application of concepts, processes, and techniques presented during the course.

PROGRAM:  
(Numbering reflects Program Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)

Depending upon level of successful completion of coursework within the program, students will - at the advanced level:

VISUAL LITERACY AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION
2. Identify and apply the design principles to control aesthetic and compositional elements in the creation of visual solutions to art and design problems.

3. Demonstrate the development of visual and conceptual skills required to create a successful design solution through the process of idea development, refinement, and assessment in the creation of design projects.

VISUAL COMMUNICATION, CONCEPTUAL AND CRITICAL THINKING
4. Understand the function and impact of design, and the role of the design profession in our society.

5. Be able to analyze a visual communication problem, develop visual concepts, and create design solutions that respond to client and audience needs through symbol and image creation, graphic illustration, paper selection, color, typography, and page composition.

6. Effectively communicate an understanding of design concepts, processes, and techniques using the “language” of design.

MEDIA AND TECHNICAL SKILLS
8. Acquire skills in the use of image scanning, page layout, and vector and raster image software programs so as to be able to design and execute graphic symbols and illustrations, raster images, and page compositions incorporating typography and image.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
10. Understand project management, marketing, and business related responsibilities of a graphic designer (and interactive design in Interactive Media option) in the design and production of visual communication pieces, the necessity of participating in a collaborative work environment, and adhering to professional ethical standards.

11. Demonstrate knowledge of design project goals, be able to set priorities to meet milestones for project completion, and show the ability to revise and refine designs based on ongoing evaluation.

12. Present design solutions and portfolio, in a manner suited to professional presentation showing knowledge and application of the concepts, skills, and techniques presented in courses during the program.

GENERAL EDUCATION:  
(Numbering reflects General Education Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)
1. **Aesthetic Dimensions** - Students will understand the diverse nature, meanings, and functions of creative endeavors through the study and practice of literature, music, the theatrical and visual arts, and related forms of expression.

   **Demonstrates:** Identifies and describes formal aspects, historical or cultural context, and aesthetic elements of the genre with clarity and appropriate vocabulary.

   **Does Not Demonstrate:** Unable to clearly identify and describe the formal aspects, historical context, and aesthetic elements of the genre.

### Evaluation:

**List how the above outcomes will be assessed.**

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<td>A student’s creative ability, knowledge of design issues, technical skills, quality of execution, and presentation of work as determined through:</td>
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<td>1. Studio classwork</td>
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<td>2. Projects</td>
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<td>3. Individual and group critiques/discussions</td>
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<td>4. Portfolio review of work completed during the semester</td>
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<td>5. Option of quizzes/exams/papers/reports/presentations as determined by the instructor</td>
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### Instructional Resources:

**List library (e.g. books, journals, on-line resources), technological (e.g. Smartboard, software), and other resources (e.g. equipment, supplies, facilities) required and desired to teach this course.**

**Required:**

- Graphic Design studio
  - 1. 20 student Macintosh computer workstations with color monitor/digitizing tablets/keyboard/mouse/color flatbed scanners, with current version of Macintosh OS and utility software.
  - 2. Instructor workstation with permanently attached color projection system
  - 3. Computer network (Ethernet 10BaseT min.) with file server setup for student and instructor storage, and print spooling
  - 5. Letter and tabloid size black & white, and color Postscript laser printers
  - 6. Large format color Postscript inkjet printers
  - 7. Permanently mounted 35mm slide projector
  - 8. 35mm slide scanner
  - 9. Paper cutters and light tables

**Desired:**

### Textbook(s)

- Visual Quickstart Guide — InDesign. PeachPit Press