



# Interactive Design - Graphic Design Major

SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

## Overview

The Interactive Design program with a Graphic Design major is your gateway to a tech-focused career in design. This comprehensive program equips you with the skills needed to bring your creative ideas to life while meeting business needs and solving complex challenges.

In this program, you will:

- develop expertise in graphic design, illustration, and visual storytelling using master foundational design principles and tools
- cultivate creativity and critical thinking to tackle design challenges
- harness data to inform your designs while staying current with industry, media trends and user preferences
- become proficient in project management and how to optimize your workflow for efficient design execution
- learn to collaborate effectively, emphasizing user-centric design for impactful products
- tailor designs to specific audiences, driven by user experience and behaviour, interactivity and preferences
- develop a portfolio that showcases your skills with client-ready projects that demonstrate applied design concepts
- create print and graphic design master layouts, with composition and visual hierarchy for diverse print media
- create captivating designs with effective use of typography, colour theory, and visual elements that will help you develop your unique design philosophy
- carry out hands-on packaging projects and learn digital press and bindery equipment skills.

Our program will help you to realize your goals as a graphic designer in an innovative and tech-driven field. Prepare for success in this ever-evolving design industry as you bring your career vision to life.

## Traits, skills and aptitudes

Graphic designers tend to be innovative, methodical and social.

You need:

- discretion in dealing with client information and industry secrets
- creativity
- self-discipline
- drawing ability and visual sense
- attention to detail
- analytical thinking
- communication skills
- time-management and organizational skills
- marketing skills
- resilience
- to be very comfortable using computers.

You should enjoy synthesizing information and finding innovative ways to present ideas, taking a methodical approach to your work, consulting with people, learning from constructive criticism and navigating multiple deadlines.

## Academic path

The opportunity to advance your education by transferring into this program or gain credit for previous postsecondary courses may be available.

There may also be opportunities to further your education once you graduate.

Learn more about [program and institution transfer options](#).

## Credentials

Upon successful completion of this program, you'll be awarded a SAIT Interactive Design diploma with a major in Graphic Design.

## Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

You can participate in an optional work term after your first year.

You'll also complete in a capstone project in your second year, where you'll investigate issues across many different subject areas or domains of knowledge, connect with community issues or problems, and create a solution.

## Admission requirements

### Applicants educated in Canada

All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and meet the following requirements or equivalents.

- at least 50% in Math 30-1 or 60% in Math 30-2
- at least 55% in English Language Arts 30-1 or 60% in English Language Arts 30-2.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission for applicants educated outside Alberta.

### Applicants educated outside of Canada

All applicants who were educated outside of Canada must demonstrate English Language proficiency and provide proof they meet the program admission requirements with an international document assessment. [Find out what educational documents are accepted and assessment options.](#)

SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain [international post-secondary institutions](#).

## Costs

### 2024/25 tuition and fees

The following costs are effective as of July 1, 2024.

#### Domestic Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	\$9,630	\$1,608	\$11,238
2	2	\$9,630	\$1,608	\$11,238
<b>Total cost:</b>				<b>\$22,476</b>

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

#### International Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	\$23,580	\$1,608	\$25,188
2	2	\$23,580	\$1,608	\$25,188

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
<b>Total cost:</b>				<b>\$50,376</b>

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for international students is based on the recommended course load per year.

## Books and Supplies

Books and supplies are approximately \$2,000 per full-time year.

Find your booklist on the [SAIT Bookstore's](#) website. The booklist will be available closer to the program start date.

Can't find your program or course? The bookstore didn't receive a textbook list. Contact your program directly to determine if they're still refining course details or if you're in luck; no textbook purchase is required this term.

## Computers and laptops

This is a bring-your-own-device program with a **custom hardware and software requirement**.

For this program, you will need the following:

- a laptop with an integrated webcam
- a smartphone with the ability to record audio and video
- headphones with an integrated microphone.

All computers **must meet the following minimum specifications**.

### Laptop

- Required
  - MacBook Air with M2 chip
  - 8-Core CPU, 10-Core GPU
  - 8GB Unified Memory
  - 512GB SSD Storage
- Preferred
  - 14" Apple MacBook Pro with M2 Pro chip.
- Students with PC laptops must have the minimum [power user hardware and software requirements](#) for this program.

**Note:** Some UX designers use software that is only for Mac.

### Software

- Adobe CC Student Subscription
- Figma (free for education)
- FileZilla Client
- Chrome
- Visual Studio Code
- MS Office (included in your program)