



LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Between

Vancouver Island University

And

North Island College

TRANSFER CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY'S BACHELOR OF DESIGN IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

This is a letter of agreement for the recognition and transfer of 60 credits through a Communication Design Diploma consisting of first and second year university courses provided by North Island College.

Vancouver Island University (VIU) agrees to recognize for transfer credit, 60 credits through a Communication Design Diploma towards VIU's Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design.

It is agreed that the parties of this agreement shall meet the following conditions:

1. For admitted students to the Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design, VIU agrees to recognize and transfer 60 credits earned by any student who has successfully completed 60 credits of first- and second-year university courses provided by North Island College via the Communication Design Diploma, as defined in Appendix B. In addition, students should complete the required credits to meet the Degree English Requirements; acceptable courses are outlined in **Appendix A**.
2. Communication Design Diploma applicants must have a minimum "C" grade for each individual course completed in their diploma.
3. Applicants eligible for this agreement will provide an official transcript documenting completion of 60 credits with a minimum grade of "C" grade for each individual course.
4. Applicants must also submit a portfolio for review; final admission is based on the portfolio review.

5. Admission to year three of the Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design program is conditional on portfolio review, an interview, and available seats.
6. Upon admission to the VIU Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design, students will consult with a degree advisor to plan the selection of the additional credits of degree-completion course work. In order to achieve the Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design, students must successfully complete a total of 120 credits of which a minimum of 60 credits will be completed at VIU, satisfying VIU's Degree English Requirements and its breadth requirement. Students may also have to take additional first- or second-year courses beyond those granted for transfer in order to satisfy the specific requirements of their chosen Major. For general degree requirements, refer to:

<https://www2.viu.ca/calendar/UniversityDegreeCompletion/bamajorsminors/index.asp#degreerequirements>

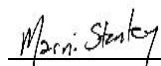
For specific upper level degree completion requirements for the Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design, refer to:

<https://www2.viu.ca/calendar/UniversityDegreeCompletion/bamajorsminors/graphicdesign.asp>

Course equivalents and requirements, as well as year three and four requirements, are outlined in **Appendices A, B, and C.**

7. Admitted North Island College students will be given registration priority which will afford them similar status to other continuing degree students, provided the applicant supplies all required documentation along with the application prior to the application deadline.
8. Both parties agree to communicate this agreement in a public manner through their respective websites.
9. This Letter of Agreement recognizes North Island College graduates completing April 2022 onward. The agreement will be reviewed every five years, commencing Fall semester 2022, by the undersigned and/or their designates for continued content and applied skill development compatibility.
10. Any changes in curriculum or program content, of either party, from the current (January 2022) programs will entail a review and potential revisions to this Letter of Agreement.
11. This Letter of Agreement may be ended by either party upon written notice of thirty days.

Signatory for Vancouver Island University



Dr. Marni Stanley
Dean, Arts and Humanities
Vancouver Island University

Signatory for North Island College



Dr. Neil Cruickshank
Acting Dean, Business & Applied Studies
North Island College

APPENDIX A

In order to fulfill the admission requirements, students must complete one (3 credits) of the following courses at North Island College in order to fulfill part of the Degree English Requirement at Vancouver Island University:

ENG 104 Foundations of Academic Writing
ENG 115 Essay Writing and Critical Analysis
ENG 116 Essay Writing and Indigenous Perspectives
ENG 117 Academic Writing

And 3 credits of

ENG 160 Effective Organizational Writing

APPENDIX B

Block transfer credit will be as follows:

*This is not a course by course transfer, but a block transfer of the full 30 credits per year as outlined.

**The exception is for the 6 credits of English obtained at NIC; this is a direct course transfer.

NIC Communication Design Diploma – Design & Development Stream

NIC – Year 1		
DGL 101	Digital Culture	3
DGL 102	Graphic Design Foundations	3
DGL 103	HTML and CSS	3
DGL 105	Digital Graphics	3
DGL 111	User Experience and Interface Design	3
DGL 112	Typography	3
DGL 113	Introduction to JavaScript	3
English ¹	ENG 104, 115, 116 or 117	3
BUS 152 or BUS 162	Entrepreneurship & Small Bus. Mgmt Principles of Marketing	3
Elective	Business, DIGITAL Design + Development or Fine Arts Elective	3
Total Credits		30

VIU – Year 1		
ARTG 110	Professional Practice 1	3
ARTG 120	Core Studio 1	3
ARTG 124	Technology 1	3
ARTG 130	Technology 2	3
ARTG 140	Core Studio 2	3
ARTG 150	Core Studio 3	3
ARTG 160	Core Studio 4	3
ENGL 115	University Writing and Research	3
Elective	Non-ARTG electives	3
Elective	Non-ARTG electives	3
Total Credits		30

NIC – Year 2		
DGL 123	Introduction to PHP	3
DGL 202	Graphic Design and Branding	3
DGL 203	Advanced CSS	3
DGL 209	Capstone Project 1	3
DGL 211	Project Management for Digital Product Development	3
DGL 221	Introduction to Social Media	3
DGL 222	Advanced Topics in Design	3
DGL 223	WordPress Development	3
DGL 233	Advanced WordPress Development	3
Elective ²	ENG 160	3
Total Credits		30

VIU – Year 2		
ARTG 210	Professional Practice 2	3
ARTG 211	Design Culture	3
ARTG 237	Technology 3	3
ARTG 241	Core Studio 5	3
ARTG 251	Core Studio 6	3
ARTG 261	Core Studio 7	3
ARTG 271	Technology 4	3
ARTG 272	Technology 5	3
ARTG 273	UI-UX I	3
ENGL 204	Business and Technical Writing	3
Total Credits		30

NIC Communication Design Diploma – Design & Media Stream

NIC – Year 1		
DGL 101	Digital Culture	3
DGL 102	Graphic Design Foundations	3
DGL 103	HTML and CSS	3
DGL 105	Digital Graphics	3
DGL 111	User Experience and Interface Design	3
DGL 112	Typography	3
FIN 247	Digital Photography	3
English ¹	ENG 104, 115, 116 or 117	3
BUS 152 or BUS 162	Entrepreneurship & Small Bus. Mgmt Principles of Marketing	3
Elective	Business, DIGITAL Design + Development or Fine Arts Elective	3
Total Credits		30

VIU – Year 1		
ARTG 110	Professional Practice 1	3
ARTG 120	Core Studio 1	3
ARTG 124	Technology 1	3
ARTG 130	Technology 2	3
ARTG 140	Core Studio 2	3
ARTG 150	Core Studio 3	3
ARTG 160	Core Studio 4	3
ENGL 115	University Writing and Research	3
Elective	non-ARTG electives	3
Elective	non-ARTG electives	3
Total Credits		30

NIC – Year 2		
DGL 202	Graphic Design and Branding	3
DGL 203	Advanced CSS	3
DGL 209	Capstone Project 1	3
DGL 211	Project Management for Digital Product Development	3
DGL 221	Introduction to Social Media	3
DGL 222	Advanced Topics in Design	3
DGL 223	WordPress Development	3
FIN 200	Video + Sound 1	3
FIN 201	Video + Sound 2	3
Elective ²	ENG 160	3
Total Credits		30

VIU – Year 2		
ARTG 210	Professional Practice 2	3
ARTG 211	Design Culture	3
ARTG 237	Technology 3	3
ARTG 241	Core Studio 5	3
ARTG 251	Core Studio 6	3
ARTG 261	Core Studio 7	3
ARTG 271	Technology 4	3
ARTG 272	Technology 5	3
ARTG 273	UI-UXI	3
ENGL 204	Business and Technical Writing	3
Total Credits		30

¹ It is recommended that students take ENG 115, ENG 116 or ENG 117 to complete 3 of the 6 credits of Degree English Requirements (ENGL 115 & ENGL 204) at VIU.

² It is recommended that students transferring to VIU take ENG 160 as one of their second year electives to satisfy the ENGL 204 VIU's Degree English Requirements.

VIU – Year 3		
ARTG 310	Professional Practice 3	3
ARTG 345	Core Studio 8	3
ARTG 351	Design Studio 1	3
ARTG 371	Core Studio 9	3
ARTG 373	UI-UX II	3
ARTG 374	Core Studio 10	3
INTP 300	Planning for Upper-Level Internship	3
ITRN 303	Third-Year Internship	3
Elective	non-ARTG electives	3
Elective	non-ARTG electives	3
Total Credits		30

VIU – Year 4		
ARTG 410	Professional Practice 4	3
ARTG 472	Design Studio 2	3
ARTG 473	UI-UX III	3
ARTG 474	UI-UX IV	3
ARTG 475	Design Studio 3	3
ARTG 476	Core Studio 11	3
ARTG 480	Core Studio 12	3
ARTG 482	Design Studio 4	3
Elective	non-ARTG electives	3
Elective	non-ARTG electives	3
Total Credits		30