



**2017-2018 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**  
**Degree: Technical Certificate**  
**Program of Study: Applied Business**  
**Specialization: Graphics Technology**

**About This Major . . .**

This program prepares students to be effective, efficient, entry-level professionals. Students develop skills in web page design, digital layouts, and digital tools. The Graphics Technology curriculum prepares the student to be an effective staff member in business, government or non-profit organizations.

For more information on what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/wccc/programs.html>.

All CMU/WCCC certificate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Demonstrate usage of design principles by applying them in their arrangement of graphic and text elements.
2. Choose from several page layout applications by being able to compare advantages and disadvantages of each.
3. Students will examine aspects of Web page design such as HTML, Web servers, Web graphics/sound/video, and programs that automate the design of Web sites and scripts

**Advising Process and DegreeWorks**

This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a certificate. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and discussing the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended certificate.

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a certificate and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

**Graduation Process**

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their certificate requirements (for one semester certificates complete in the first week of class):

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.

### **INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

The following institutional requirements apply to all CMU technical certificates. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- Consists of 5-59 semester hours.
- Primarily 100-200 level courses.
- At least fifty percent of the credit hours must be taken at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A grade lower than “C” will not be counted toward meeting the requirements.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed twenty-five percent of the semester credit hours required for a technical certificate.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Certificate Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and certificate requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See “Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates” in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

### **PROGRAM-SPECIFIC CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

- 9 semester hours for the Technical Certificate in Graphics Technology.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework and a “C” or better must be achieved in achieved in coursework toward major content area.

### **TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE: APPLIED BUSINESS, GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY REQUIRMENTS** (9 semester hours)

#### **Required Courses** (9 semester hours)

- MGDA 112 - Digital Design (3)
- CSCI 106 -Web Page Design I (3)
- ABUS 114 - Digital Layout (3)

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### **SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING**

#### **Freshman Year, First Semester: 9 credits**

- MGDA 112 - Digital Design (3)
- CSCI 106 -Web Page Design I (3)
- ABUS 114 - Digital Layout (3)