CAREER ROADMAP:

Graphic Design

Description of Field:

Graphic design concerns the process of constructing through the use of typography, visual arts and page layout to produce communications typically for a client. Graphic designers can work with web sites, publications, advertising, packaging, logos and branding. Designers can work freelance or salaried in design firms, or in-house with companies such as advertising and related services, newspapers, periodicals as well as technology firms.

General Skills:

Samples skills include creativity, communication, active listening, and artistic and visual expression among others

Insider Advice:

Gain experience through volunteer and internship opportunities. Keep and maintain a portfolio of your work, and look for opportunities to display your work. Utilize your network to see out opportunities and employers.

Learn about Yourself & Career Options

What Can I Do With This Major:

<u>Graphic Design, Art, Communication Studies, Electronic Media & Broadcasting</u>

Sample UF Majors:

Art, Marketing, Graphic Design, Visual Art Studies, Digital Arts and Sciences, Drawing

Career Planning:

Our <u>Career Planning</u> staff can help you explore interesting major/career options, prepare for and start an internship/job search. Log in to view the ways we can help!

Build Experience

UF Organizations:

Computer Vision Graphics and Medical Imaging (CVGMI)
Lab, UF Designers, Vox Graphis

Visit Student Activities & Involvement for Additional Opportunities

Professional Organizations:

American Institute of Graphic Arts, The Society of Illustrators, Industrial Designers Society of America, Society for Environmental Graphic Design

Sample Local Opportunities:

Gainesville Volunteer, Design Firm Directory, MASS Visual

Prepare for Your Next Step

Sample Job Titles:

Graphic Designer, Graphic Artist, Design Engineer, Design Assistant, Communications Technology Designer, Designer Applications Engineer, Marketing Communications Intern

Search for Internships & Jobs:

<u>Gator CareerLink Jobs</u>, , <u>Krop</u>, <u>Smashing Magazine</u>, <u>Graphic Design Jobs</u>, <u>Behance</u>, <u>AIGA Design Jobs</u>

Sample Employers Recruiting at UF:

Coffey Shots Photography, KAX Media America, Dwain Fletcher Company, ME Productions, Trimark Properties

Log into <u>Gator CareerLink</u> to search for employers hiring UF students and additional resources