



# Graphic and Web Design course delivery

## Fall 2020

Hi future and current Graphic and Web Design students!

Just to let you know our program (grdt and webd) courses are starting the Fall 2020 semester fully online synchronous (sections 61 and 62) using our online learning system called D2L Brightspace (<https://dctc.learn.minnstate.edu/>). Content for your courses including assignments and demonstration will be available once you log-in using your StarID and choose a course. Your instructor will also use this area for announcements, emails, assignment feedback and grade entry so should provide you with everything you need.

### **Synchronous courses: Live classes through Zoom web conferencing**

You may have noticed that we do have times scheduled for each class (<https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=211>).

We are teaching “synchronous” which means we will be using Zoom meeting software (instructor will mail you a link before classes start) to hold our classes in real time. While this will be recorded and available on D2L after class along with the assignments and resources, it is recommended and sometimes required that you login to participate in course discussions and critiques, and work alongside your instructor for software and technique instruction.

This model will allow us to transition back into the classroom, when we can, using the same schedule. If you do need to continue online at that point, that option will still be available. Something to note about taking Graphic Design and Web Design courses online is that the industry has many instances of people working remotely and freelancing from home, and most of the communication between clients and others in a business environment will be done via computer. More and more, Zoom-style meetings are substituting for face-to-face meetings and you will be required to use desktop and online tools for graphics, web design and filesharing and transfer.

While the coronavirus has forced us to adapt to a learning situation that may not be ideal for some of you, you will be learning business environment standard practices by making online work for you. Of course, communication with your instructor will be key to your success and remember that is why they are there. Reach out when you need help and stay connected to make the most of this exciting time you are focusing on yourself and your future.

Hope this information helps. Feel free to email me if you have any more questions.

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**Note on computer requirements**

If you work from home, you will need a Mac or PC computer capable of running Adobe's Creative Cloud, which includes Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver and Animate and has a video camera for Zoom conferences.

Here are the Adobe software requirements: (<https://helpx.adobe.com/creative-cloud/system-requirements.html?x-product=CCHome%2F1.0&guid=97d47b3d-ba5d-4aa0-9285-64b5ed3126be&x-product-location=Search%3ATopResults%3ASupport%2F0.8.0-rc.4>).

There is a student subscription available for the Creative Cloud but we will provide you a license during your class that you can use at home. If you do not have access to a computer and still wish to take classes, we will make computers available in our program classrooms on campus for you to Zoom and do homework. Contact me if you need access to a computer.

**Summary of resources:**

- [D2L Brightspace](#)
- [Course schedules](#)
- [Adobe software requirements](#)
  - You may pay for a [student subscription](#) **OR**
  - We will provide a license during your courses that you can use at home