



VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

2009-2010 Program Options:

Visual Communications Technician Diploma (48)

Visual Communications Technologies AAS Degree (64)

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Diploma: Visual Communications Technician					
Total Number of Credits: 48					
Program Description: The Visual Communications Technician program prepares students for a career involving the exchange of messages in a visual form. Emphasis areas include multimedia, digital video, photography, and graphic design. In addition to these core areas, the General Education/MnTC courses required will help ensure individuals have the necessary oral, written, and critical thinking skills to help them with their professional responsibilities.					
Core Requirements: 16 credits					
VCT 1010	Introduction to Visual Communications	3	VCT 1015	Project Planning	3
VCT 1012	Principles of Digital Communications	3	VCT 1018	Digital Imaging	3
VCT 1013	Design Basics	4			

Career/Occupational Requirements: Select 1 of 4 Specialty Track Options:					
Interactive Media Track – 29 credits					
VCT 1021	Flash Interactive Media I	3	VCT 2021	Flash Interactive Media II	3
VCT 1023	Web Page Design with XHTML	3	VCT 2025	3D Animation I	3
VCT 1027	Web Page Design with DXHTML	3	VCT 2026	3D Animation II	3
VCT 1031	Digital Audio	3	VCT 2029	Portfolio Development—Interactive Media	1
VCT 1035	Digital Editing	3		Electives with instr. consent by petition	4

Digital Video Track – 29 credits					
VCT 1030	Video I	3	VCT 2031	Video Production I	3
VCT 1031	Digital Audio	3	VCT 2032	Video Production II	3
VCT 1035	Digital Editing	3	VCT 2035	Digital Editing II	3
VCT 2025	3D Animation I	3	VCT 2037	Portfolio Development—Video	1
VCT 2030	Video II	3		Electives with instr. consent by petition	4

Photography Track – 29 credits					
VCT 1040	Traditional Photography	2	VCT 2042	View Camera	3
VCT 1041	Digital Photography I	3	VCT 2044	Professional Photo/Using Adobe Photoshop	3
VCT 1042	Digital Photography II	3	VCT 2045	Advanced Digital Studio/Adobe Photoshop	3
VCT 1047	Introduction to Forensic Imaging	3	VCT 2046	Portfolio Development—Photo	1
VCT 2040	Digital Studio	3		Electives with instr. consent by petition	5

Graphic Design Track – 29 credits					
VCT 1051	Electronic Publishing I	3	VCT 2052	Electronic Publishing III	3
VCT 1052	Electronic Publishing II	3	VCT 2053	Electronic Image Imposition	3
VCT 1055	Imaging/Printing Methods	3	VCT 2054	Pre-Press Electronic File Analysis/Pre-Flight	3
VCT 1057	Scanning for Electronic Publishing	3	VCT 2056	Portfolio Development—Graphic	1
VCT 1059	Color for Pre-Press	3		Electives with instr. consent by petition	4

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 3 credits					
Suggestions for fulfilling this requirement are listed below:					
ARTS 1041	Drawing I		COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	
ENGL 1021	Composition I		COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	
HUM 1045	American Film		COMM 1061	Mass Media and Communication	
COMM 1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking		<i>Or see MNTC course list for other options</i>		

**Associate in Applied Science Degree
Visual Communications Technologies**

Total Number of Credits: 64

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VCT 1059	Color for Pre-Press	3		Electives with instr. consent by petition	3

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 20 credits					
<i>Four (4) cr. beyond the minimums are needed to reach 20 cr. See MNTC course list for options</i>			Goal 2—Critical Thinking is fulfilled when all MnTc goals are complete		
Goal 1: Communication: 7 credits			Goal 3 and Goal 4 Sciences/Math/Logical Reasoning		
ENGL 1021	Composition I	4			3
Select ONE of the following COMM courses:		3			3
COMM 1021	Fundamentals of Public Speaking				3
COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication				
COMM 1041	Small Group Communication				
COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication				
			Goals 7-10: Three credits in one of the four goals (fulfilled by COMM course)		

General Requirements:

1. Certificates: Up to 30 earned college-level credits; one third of credits must be earned at Century College.
Diplomas: 31 to 48 earned college-level credits; one third of credits must be earned at Century College.
AAS: At least 64 earned college-level credits (numbered 1000 or above). At least 20 credits must be earned at Century College.
2. Century college-level GPA of 2.0; Required career and occupational courses GPA of 2.0; MnTC GPA of 2.0.
3. A grade of C or higher in ENGL 1021 (for Diplomas and 30 credit Certificates ONLY IF this is the Goal 1 course selected.) (Exception: 16 credit certificates)

Assessment: *Assessments are required for all students* before registering for classes. Students may be required to take developmental courses in English, Reading and Mathematics based upon their assessment scores. For important information and exemptions see www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment.

References to the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC): On this guidesheet, notations such as “Goal 1-Communication: 3 credits” are used to refer to the goals of the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum. Refer to the MnTC Course List for the specific courses from which students may choose to fulfill the MnTC requirements of the program, found in the catalog, the Counseling Center and on the Century website. Students should be aware that it may be necessary to select additional MnTC credits beyond the minimum required in each goal area, to reach the total MnTC/General Education credits required for their program.

Career Information: Counselors are available in the Counseling and Career Center, Room 2410 West, to assist with educational and career planning. Resources include career interest and personality inventories and print and web-based occupational and educational information, e.g., occupational descriptions, employment outlook, earnings, education/training requirements and sources. Consult the *GPS LifePlan* link on the Century website for information on these and more resources for your career, work, and educational planning!

Transfer: Some programs are intended primarily for employment preparation rather than transfer to a four-year institution. Some courses may not transfer to a number of four-year colleges. If you are considering the possibility of transfer, you may wish to talk with a counselor or the program instructor before registering to discuss your goals and look at programs designed for transfer.

Time Limit for Meeting Graduation Requirements: See Century College catalog “Graduation” for information.

Academic Petitions: Any exceptions to the program requirements must be petitioned through the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Cost: In addition to tuition costs, supplies for the entire program can cost up to \$600 depending on special area. These costs are subject to change.

Important Telephone Numbers: (651 Area Code)

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