In the final week of the course, students present and defend their work to well as enhance their portfolios with additional advanced design projects. This demonstrates their increasingly sophisticated mastery of design. Students work in project teams supervised by faculty. They complete the Senior Portfolio Assessment course, which guides them through the assembly of a comprehensive digital and physical portfolio that includes branding/logo design; print peripherals, including pamphlets, brochures, organizational identity kits and info graphics; video; motion graphics; and websites. Students develop competitive skills in project management by creating, managing and completing a portfolio. There are two major focus areas that students can choose from: (1) web design or (2) print design courses to fine tune skills sets in two major areas of the field.

In their sophomore year, students assemble a comprehensive portfolio that demonstrates their increasingly sophisticated mastery of design. Students begin to identify and present themselves as independent designers through the development of focused identity that carries through to all of their presentation materials. The senior year is highlighted with real-world experience in the Design Solutions Team courses and through internships. Students develop competitive skills in project management by creating, managing and presenting graphic design projects for real-world clients in nonprofit organizations.

In Design Solutions Team I and II, senior-level students apply their knowledge to real-world problems through experiential education. Working from the John J. Bowen Center for Science and Innovation Design Center on campus, students provide design solutions for nonprofit organizations. Students hone their design skills by creating, editing and presenting visual collateral that includes branding/logo design; print peripherals, including pamphlets, posters, organizational identity kits and info graphics; video; motion graphics; and websites. Students work in project teams supervised by faculty. Students complete the Senior Portfolio Assessment course, which guides them through the assembly of a comprehensive digital and physical portfolio that demonstrates their increasingly sophisticated mastery of design. With faculty guidance, students gather, revise and organize their best works as well as enhance their portfolios with additional advanced design projects. In the final week of the course, students present and defend their work to a select group of faculty and visiting industry professionals. This course is the springboard for students to start applying for internships and other experiential education opportunities that are required of the program.
Students not meeting the requirements for experiential education may take other course options with Dept. Chair and Dean approval.

Directed Experiential Education (DEE) opportunities are based on project availability with community partners and student eligibility. For more information, visit Experiential Education & Career Services (EE&CS).

Students wishing to do 13.5 credits of TECX4099 College of Engineering & Design Internship must use 4.5 credits of free elective requirements.

Visit Courses by Subject Code for a listing of all campus courses.

‡HUM courses are not offered in North Miami or Online.

^BIO courses are not offered in North Miami, Charlotte or Online.

¶CAD courses are only offered in Providence.

±CHM courses are not offered in North Miami or Online.

°PHY courses are not offered in Charlotte.

°°ANTH courses are not offered in North Miami or Charlotte.

In addition to classes, free elective credit can be applied to a number of options such as Directed Experiential Education (DEE), Internship, Minor or Study Abroad. For Accelerated Master’s program students, up to three graduate-level courses may apply. Students are strongly encouraged to contact an adviser before scheduling free elective credits.

NOTE: Students must pass MATH0010 Basic Mathematics or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math course(s).

Students who graduate with a bachelor's degree must leave Johnson & Wales University with effective writing skills to fulfill the graduation writing requirement. These writing skills will be assessed at the completion of ENG1021 Advanced Composition and Communication. Students who have met the requirement of ENG1021 Advanced Composition and Communication or ENG1027 Honors Advanced Composition and Communications: Civic Discourse outside of Johnson & Wales University must fulfill the graduation writing requirement through successful completion of ENG0001 Writing Workshop.

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