

Course Description

GRA2546C | Advertising Design | 4.00 credits

The student will design and create effective advertising campaign concepts for print, outdoor, and digital media in this intermediate-level course. Studio projects will emphasize originality, brainstorming, ad layouts, creative copywriting, and persuasion, culminating in portfolio-ready projects. Prerequisites: GRA1113C, GRA2151C.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will explain the basics of advertising by:

- 1. Identifying members who have contributed to the history of the advertising industry
- 2. Analyzing industry leaders and their approaches to creating compelling advertisements
- 3. Creating the main elements of various advertisement layouts and designs
- 4. Exhibiting the ability to work within a team-like environment to meet deadlines effectively

Competency 2: The student will apply universal advertising strategies by:

- 1. Writing a creative brief
- 2. Classifying various kinds of ads and examining the appropriateness of each to specific situations
- 3. Applying multiple brainstorming and idea-generation techniques for a series of platforms and products

Competency 3: The student will write compelling advertising copy by:

- 1. Applying the basic writing conventions
- 2. Expressing motivation, inspiration, analogies, metaphors, and facts in advertisements to trigger emotional responses
- 3. Writing successful headlines and taglines

Competency 4: The student will create an effective advertising campaign by:

- 1. Displaying a seamless integration of text and visuals
- 2. Identifying a target audience and positioning advertising strategies that actively appeal to them
- 3. Solving existing marketing problems of a brand or product line

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures, including global and historical perspectives
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities