Graphic Design Memo and Rationale for Changes

Explanation:

CANCEL REQUEST:
GRA 3435C Technology Intensive is an S/U variable 1-4 credit course designed to acquaint students with the features and appropriate uses of primary creative programs used in the field of graphic design.

NEW COURSE REQUESTS:
GRA 2124L – Intro to Multipage Document Software
GRA 2134L – Intro to Interface Software
GRA 2151L – Intro to Drawing Software
GRA 2152L – Intro to Image Editing Software

Four 1 credit courses are requested to replace the current GRA 3435 (request to cancel). Breaking the current variable credit course into multiple 1 credit courses will provide students a better understanding of how to access only the software instruction that they need. It allows the department greater flexibility in offering the course and utilizing adjunct expertise to teach specific areas. The department sees these 1-credit software courses as a model for offering more of these types of technology courses to a wider audience outside of the department.

Typographic Design Lab 1
CHANGE REQUEST:
GRA 2190 Visual Design Lab 1 is currently a prerequisite for the GRA 2208 Typographic Design Lab 1. Changing GRA2190 to a co-requisite will allow students to progress through the curriculum more quickly and facilitate timely graduation.