

Multimedia Arts

The Program

For students interested in a career in graphic design or studio art, Prairie State College's (PSC) multimedia arts program combines mass communications, technology, and fine arts to provide students with the background needed to pursue a career in graphic or visual design.

Degrees and Certificates

- Multimedia Arts – Degree
- Animation – Certificate
- Digital Designer – Certificate
- Web Designer – Certificate

About the Curriculum

Multimedia Arts Degree (A.A.S.)

This visual communication program prepares students for entry-level positions in the multimedia industry. Students learn to create and deliver content via multiple media formats including print, illustration, text, digital imagery, audio, video, and interactive Web sites.

Animation Certificate

This program prepares students for entry level positions as web animators, 2D/3D animators, flash designers, and multimedia artists in industries such as motion pictures and video, advertising, and web interactive design firms. The program incorporates audio/video technology, laws of motion and physics, drawing, and computer art, while giving students the opportunity to build a comprehensive portfolio of work.

Digital Design Certificate

This program provides a foundation in design and computer art and experience with specialized software and techniques required to work in the field of digital design. Students are prepared for entry-level or freelance work in electronic and print media.

Web Designer Certificate

This program develops web design skills with an emphasis on graphic design and digital media, including animation.

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of graphic designers is expected to grow as demand for graphic design continues to increase from advertisers and computer design firms. Graphic designers with Web site design and animation experience will especially be needed as demand increases for design projects for interactive media—Web sites, mobile phones, and other technology. However, growth may be reduced by less demand in print publishing, where many graphic designers are employed. Median annual salaries for graphic designers range from \$36,000- \$74,000.



For More Information

Contact Mike Maddox, professor of art and graphic communications, at (708) 709-3679 or e-mail at mmaddox@prairiestate.edu.

Reasons to Attend

Prairie State College

- Fully accredited
- Credits that transfer
- Small classes
- Great career programs
- Dedicated professors
- Convenient scheduling
- Free tutoring and open computer labs

Admissions

PSC offers open admission that encourages diversity and admits all high school graduates or the equivalent.

Here's how to start your college career at PSC:

- Provide a high school diploma or GED.
- Take the COMPASS Placement Test or submit a copy of ACT scores.
- Meet with an advisor from Counseling and Advising to select courses. For questions, contact an academic advisor at (708) 709-3506.



Financial Aid

PSC's tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. More than 50 percent of our students receive financial aid. The first and most important step in applying for financial aid is filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A FAFSA is required whether you receive federal or state financial aid, loans, grants, or scholarships.

Forms of financial assistance include:

- MAP Grant
- Pell Grant
- PLUS Loans
- Scholarships
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loans
- Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loans
- Veterans Benefits
- Work Study

PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.

The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually to students who are not fully funded through any other source. Find out more at prairiestate.edu, go to chose a link, and click on scholarships.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562 or e-mail Alice Garcia at agarcia@prairiestate.edu.

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