



GCOM LECTURE AND LAB (TBA) EXPECTATIONS

**All Graphic Communication courses contain the following components:
Lecture, Lab, and Homework/Study.**

Classroom Lecture (“LEC”)

In the LEC portion of the course, the instructor provides explanation and demonstration of the concepts and skills for that particular lesson. Students are encouraged to actively engage and to ask questions to ensure concepts and skills are understood.

Laboratory (“LAB”)

The LAB portion of the class is the student’s opportunity to acquire and practice the skills and concepts demonstrated in the classroom lecture and to receive any necessary coaching and feedback. The LAB component in some GCOM courses is TBA (To Be Announced) and completed on the student’s own time, outside of lecture. Other GCOM courses have scheduled LAB time with an instructor. These courses have additional LAB requirements, which are necessary to complete the required number of LAB hours.

Each course has a required amount of LAB time per week (see below). Students are expected to spend this amount of LAB time each week in a scheduled LAB and/or the Design Lab.

Note: Students enrolled in distance education courses whether online or via interactive TV are not required to attend the Design Lab. These students may complete their required lab work on or off campus. Students enrolled in hybrid courses complete their required lab hours half online and half in the Design Lab.

Students who have their own computer and software applications may complete additional LAB time off site, but first must fulfill their LAB requirements as detailed above.

The Design Lab is open six days a week and is staffed with instructors prepared to answer questions. Students sign in and out of the Design Lab to document their completion of required lab hours.

Full Term Lecture-only Courses: (54 hours listed for LAB)

This equals 165 total minutes in the Design Lab each week

Full Term Lecture with Scheduled Lab Courses: (54 hours listed for LAB)

75 total minutes in scheduled Lab *and* 90 total minutes in the Design Lab each week

Eight week Courses: (27 hours listed for LAB)

170 total minutes in the Design Lab each week

Independent Study, Homework and Assignments

Independent Study, Homework and Assignments includes the work students must complete independently in order to successfully complete the course. Homework and assignments are given and evaluated by the instructor and the instructor provides feedback. A general estimate of the time required to complete these assignments is an average of two hours per one hour of classroom lecture.