2025 Visual Communication Design Course Updates and Equivalencies

Starting Summer 2025, Continuing Studies visual communications courses will have a new "CSCD" mnemonic and some updated names for select courses. These updated courses have been developed with consideration to the ever evolving communication design industry, and to the needs of our students. Our process involves consultation with artist professionals to reflect current trends, standards and best practices.

All CECD required courses have equivalent CSCD courses available for completion. The table below lists the previous certificate (including mnemonic and title) on the left, with the updated course equivalents available on the right. These courses roll out starting in the SUMMER 2025 term and continue into the FALL 2025 (FA25) term. Save this document for your own reference when registering for courses.

REQUIREMENTS PRE-SUMMER 2025				AVAILABLE EQUIVALENT COURSES		
Course No.	**Required Courses**		**Course No.**	**Required Courses**	
CECD 100	Introductory Communication Design	→	CSCD 100	Introductory Communication Design	
CECD 101	Drawing for Designers	→	CSCD 101	Design Process and Ideation	*launching FA25*
CECD 102	Colour Theory for Designers	→	CSCD 102	Colour Theory + Psychology in Design	
CECD 103	Introductory Typography	→	CSCD 103	Introductory Typography	
CSDS 101	Innovations in Design				
CSWD 101	Introductory Web Design				

Students can take either:

CSSO 109*	Adobe CC Essentials

OR all 3 of:	
CSSO 100*	Introductory Adobe Photoshop
CSSO 101*	Introductory Adobe Illustrator
CSSO 102*	Introductory Adobe InDesign

CSWD 201	Intermediate Web Design				
CECD 200	Branding + Identity Design	→	CSCD 200	Branding + Identity Design	
CECD 201	Visualizing Information	→	CSCD 201	Visualizing Information	
CECD 202	Publication Design	→	CSCD 204	Editorial Design	*Launching FA25*
CECD 203	Intermediate Typography	→	CSCD 203	Intermediate Typography	
CSDS 102	Industry Intro: Design				

Elective Courses | Choose one of the following streams and complete all 3 courses:

Illustration Stream	
CSIL 100	Introductory Illustration
CSIL 110	Digital Tools for illustrators
CSIL 111	Illustrating for client based work

Photography Stream	
CSPH 100**	Introductory Digital Photography
CSPH 201	Studio Lighting
CSPH 203	Commercial Photography

UX/UI Design Stream	
CSWD 100	Introductory WordPress
CSUX 100	Introductory UX Design
CSUX 101	Introductory UI Design

*students can take either CSSO 109 (45 hours), or each of CSSO 100, CSSO 101 and CSSO 102 (15 hour courses).

**students with a strong background in digital photography may opt to pursue CSPH 200 Intermediate Digital Photography in lieu.

Should you have any questions about this transition, reach out to us! We're happy to support you along your learning journey. Email CSPrograms@ecuad.ca