



GCOM LECTURE AND LAB (TBA) EXPECTATIONS

Most of the Graphic Communications courses contain several components: Lecture, Lab, and Homework/study.

The classroom lecture or **LEC** portion of the class is where 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.

The laboratory or **LAB** portion of the class is the student's opportunity to acquire and practice the skills and concepts demonstrated in the lecture, and to receive coaching and feedback as needed. The LAB component in most GCOM is TBA (To Be Announced). This means it is completed on the students' own time, outside of the Lecture. Several GCOM classes have scheduled LAB time with an instructor, but even those classes have an additional TBA expectation as well. Each course has a required amount of LAB time per week (see below). Students are expected to spend this amount of time each week of class in Advanced Technology Design Lab (TEC-109). Students who have their own computer and applications have the flexibility of doing additional LAB time off site, but are expected to use the Design Lab on a weekly basis as well. The Design Lab is open 7 days a week and is staffed with instructors prepared to answer questions. Students will sign in and out of the lab to document the time spent.

INDEPENDENT STUDY, HOMEWORK and ASSIGNMENTS. This is the work you as an individual, need to complete independently in order to be successful in the class. Homework and assignments are given by the instructor, are evaluated by the instructor and you are provided with feedback. A general estimate of this time is an average of 2 hours per 1 hour lecture.

You are expected to come to LEC and LAB prepared, having read all required course materials.

Full Term Lecture-only Courses:

54 hours listed for lab = 165 total minutes in Design Lab each week

Full Term Lecture & Lab Courses:

54 hours listed for lab = 75 total minutes in scheduled Lab

90 total minutes in Design Lab each week

8 week:

27 hours listed for lab = 170 total minutes in Design Lab each week