New students applying to Chapman University and the BFA Graphic Design program must submit both the Creative Supplement and the Common Application. The Creative Supplement application requires the following four pieces.

The Department of Art Portfolio application requires you to submit four items to be considered:

1. Statement of Interest:
   a. Provide insight to your creative background and experience. What appeals to you about Chapman’s Graphic Design Program?
   b. Describe your most influential designer or artist? What does their body of work have been impactful to your decision to be a designer?
   c. Statement of two most successful works: Art is visual communication. Pick the two most successful works in your portfolio and explain in a statement what makes them most significant, including how the formal elements of the works support their meaning. Statement should be about 500 words in length, total.

2. Signed Letter of Recommendation:
   A signed letter of recommendation from a high school art teacher or art mentor, speaking to your creative talents and merits as a student. The letter is not required to be confidential, but mandatory. NOTE: This letter is in addition to the recommendation letter required by the Admissions Office.

3. Media Uploads:
   Portfolio: Upload 10 examples of your best art work. It may include design, drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture or whatever you feel best demonstrates your talent.

4. Statement of two most successful works:
   Art is visual communication. Pick the two most successful works in your portfolio and explain in a statement what makes them most significant, including how the formal elements of the works support their meaning. Statement should be about 500 words in length, total.

Please visit: https://www.chapman.edu/admission/undergraduate/applynow.aspx or call 714.997.6729 for more information.
**Visual Thinker Lecture Series**
The Department of Art and Graphic Design Program hosts lectures every semester designed for students to explore visual culture from a wide range of art professionals across disciplines offering opportunities to learn, be inspired, and network. In addition, we have the Spring Margo Powell Design Symposium bringing a panel of experts to dialogue on contemporary design issues.

**Compost**
Since 2005 the Graphic Design program has been communicating and posting the happenings of professors, students, interns, and alumni. [www.chapman.edu/art/compost/default.asp](http://www.chapman.edu/art/compost/default.asp)

**OC/LA/SD design community**
Our location encourages current students to be involved in the regional design industry, create a community of their own and help students build leadership skills. Students have access to invaluable resources and opportunities to help make the transition from student to professional designers. [www.chapman.edu/art/compost/default.asp](http://www.chapman.edu/art/compost/default.asp)

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**GD Program Ranked #1 in CA**

**Introducing GD Program Vineyard**

**Alumni Spotlight**

**GD Program Ranking**

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**Integrative**

**Individual**

**Interdisciplinary**

**Work with Ad/PR students**
Design students work alongside advertising students on senior level projects and in the annual NSAC competition.

**Work with Law and Political Science students**
Design students work alongside Law students on trial competitions to create clear communications and also to form effective communication.

**Work with Marketing Students**
Design students work with Business & Marketing students to create visual communications.

**Liberal Arts Core, Extracurricular Activities, Minors**
Students have the opportunity and freedom to explore a range of topics, concerns, and methodologies from historical culture, formal analysis and iconography to material culture, social history, and gender studies within their general education core. Chapman University offers an exciting range of activities that enhance the learning experience. Students are encouraged to minor in Arts and Humanities, Social and Cultural Studies, Area Studies, Historical Studies, Language Studies, Communication Studies to supplement their major and round out their education.

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**London, UK**
Olympics, Saudi Arabia, Space, and Beyond
Graphic Design 308, Sustainable Design. From 2009 – present, graphic design has provided their majors and minors the opportunity to work in London with primary agencies responsible for the Olympic Games and the Living Cities project. We’re honored to be the only university in the world to offer our students these opportunities.

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**Global Studies**

Chapman University students are encouraged to participate in study abroad programs, because it provides a unique opportunity to gain fresh perspectives on international political, economic and social issues, interpersonal relationships and ultimate career choices. More information at [https://www.chapman.edu/international-studies/center-for-global-education/index.aspx](https://www.chapman.edu/international-studies/center-for-global-education/index.aspx).