

B - Course Revision Form V. 7.2022 : Entry # 3521**DEAN Decision**

Approved

Today's Date

10/02/2025

EPC Decision

Approved

Today's Date

10/14/2025

Begin Form**Today's Date**

09/04/2025

Your Name

Janis Dougherty

Your Email:jdougher@highpoint.edu**Are you a Department Chair?**

No

Department Chair Name

Mark Brown

Email address of your Department Chairmabrown@highpoint.edu**By checking below, I certify that my department chair has seen and approved the course revisions that are in this proposal**

Yes

Please select the appropriate school overseeing this proposal:

Arts & Design

When should this proposal take effect?

Fall 2026

Are you submitting multiple courses for revision from the same department?

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Yes

Please list all of the courses that you are submitting revisions for:

Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title
GDS	4240	Design Lab 1
GDS	4640	Design Lab 2
GDS	4140	Senior Projects 1
GDS	4540	Senior Projects 2

What would you like to revise?

- Credits
- Change Course Number (no change to level)

Gen Ed & Academic Program Information**Is this a revision to meet new Gen Ed requirements?**

No

Is this course part of an academic program?

- This course does not currently fulfill academic program requirements

Does this course, as revised, include any community engagement?

No

Is this course part of GoGlobal?

No

Does this course count towards a major or a minor?

Yes

Please list the course(s) and whether they are required or electives for the major/minor.

Course Prefix/Number	Name of Major and/or Minor?	Required or Elective?
GDS 4240	BFA Graphic Design	Required
GDS 4640	BFA Graphic Design	Required
GDS 4140	BFA Graphic Design	Required
GDS 4540	BFA Graphic Design	Required

Is this course cross listed?

No

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Choose the department designator for your course from the list below.

Revisions to course number, title, credits, prerequisites

What are the changes to the course number?

GDS 4640 will combine with GDS 4240 and be called GDS 4240; GDS 4140 will combine with GDS 4540 and become GDS 4540

Choose the course's revised number of credits from the list below

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Please describe the rationale for this change

We propose combining GDS 4240 and GDS 4640, both currently 2-credit courses, into a single 4-credit course titled GDS 4240 Senior Design Lab. This curricular change is intended to streamline students' course loads and align with the standard 4-credit hour structure. The new course will retain the same learning objectives, projects, and assessment rubrics as the original two courses, but will be delivered within one semester rather than across two.

Similarly, we plan to merge GDS 4140 and GDS 4540, also 2-credit courses, into a single 4-credit course named GDS 4540 Senior Projects. The rationale mirrors that of the GDS 4240 change: to simplify scheduling and reinforce curricular goals. With GDS 4240 offered in the fall and GDS 4540 in the spring, the revised curriculum will better prepare students for their senior projects, resolve scheduling conflicts, and more effectively support the development of both academic and professional skills.