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I like graphic design for its wonderful opportunity to solve visual communication problems when it relates to a good design. But, how to create a good design? How to know that your design is good or not? I was taught that a good designed piece is a careful combination of design elements which create a visual representation of the idea, message or the imagination. And I totally agree with this definition. However, after our first class I started to ask myself are my pieces of art good designed? Am I a good graphic designer?

In last class, Professor Trofimova remained me information that I studied already in other classes, but something appeared new to me as well. A good reminder for me was the general information such as the movements of graphic design (Bauhaus, Art Deco, DADA, Art Nouveau…), or the structure of portfolio lay out and importance of having the best work first and the second best least, as well as to have prepared a cover letter and resume. I also enjoyed the Piper Short Film by Disney Pixar, the story of Piper shows us how we need to "get out from our comforted zone" and to motivate ourselves in order to achieve our goals. In addition, I start better understanding this expression, it is always easier to do what we used to do, because we deducted to that and fill comfortable doing what we already know, it's like the other adult seagulls was running from the upcoming waves of water rather than just open there eyes in the water and see the whole food that is inside. I think that always being in a comfort zone may lead to personal degradation, and for the designers its tremendous dangerous for those future career. As a result, time to time, I'm trying to get out from my comfort zone.

The second part of the class was more interactive. Upcoming with the questions that interests us the most I figured out that most of the students had the similar questions and interests. As for me,

Professor's answers were informative, useful and at some point motivated. Even if we passed just one class, I already opened something new for myself in this course.

The first class gave me a push to start thinking in what direction I would like to move on. I realized that all my previous experience, information heard, knowledge received, are like a pieces of puzzle that starts to find the pieces which belong to each other and form a clear picture. First of all, based on our discussion in class I started to create a step by step plan starting from: to select pieces for portfolio, create a web page, create a business card, change Instagram page, ending with to use the opportunity of cold callings and to start visiting networking events and designers meetings. Secondly, I realized that following professional artist's works, interests, lifestyle may inspire for new things as well as looking for inspiration in different places, even if they are not related to art. Never know when a good idea for the next project might come to mind.

As a result, my feelings about this course are perspective, promising, and full with new as well as revised information that will help us to prepare for the outside working platform. In addition, may say that it was an enjoyable and informative class that will help us to combine the information that we already know and create a clear picture of how we might act to accomplish our career goals. Finally, answering the question from the beginning, I feel that I need more practice, follow the art and lifestyle of successful graphic designers, look for inspiration and motivate myself and at ones all of that will make me a good graphic designer.