

# GRAPHIC DESIGN BFA

(BFA-AH-GRD)

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FRESHMAN YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<b>DES 101</b>	<b>Introduction to Design: 2D I</b>	<b>FAR 220</b>	<b>Intro to Photography</b>
<b>DES 103</b>	<b>Introduction to Design: 3D I</b>	<b>DES 277</b>	<b>Computer Graphics I</b>
<b>FAR 101</b>	<b>Drawing I</b>	<b>FAR 250</b>	<b>Art History I</b>
IF CWP 101	College Writing I	<b>FAR 104</b>	<b>Themes and Issues in Art</b>
IF MATH	Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning	IF CWP 102	College Writing II
			Skills Proficiency Exam *

SOPHOMORE YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<b>DES 270</b>	<b>Visual Communication I</b> Pre-requisite: DES 277	<b>DES 307</b>	<b>Color Theory</b>
<b>DES 271</b>	<b>Typography</b>	<b>DES 370</b>	<b>Visual Communication II</b> Pre-requisites: DES 270
<b>DES 377</b>	<b>Computer Graphics II</b> Pre-requisite: DES 277	<b>DES 380</b>	<b>Illustration</b> Pre-requisites: DES 270
<b>FAR 251</b>	<b>Art History II</b>	<b>DES 314W</b>	<b>Graphic Design History</b> Pre-requisites: FAR 104 or permission
IF CORE		IF Core	

JUNIOR YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<b>DES 374</b>	<b>Advertising</b> Pre-requisite: DES 377	<b>DES 472</b>	<b>Web Design II</b> Pre-requisite: DES 378
<b>DES 382</b>	<b>Digital 3D 1</b> Pre-requisites: DES 377, DES 380	<b>DES 379</b>	<b>Motion Design 1</b> Pre-requisites: DES 377, DES 380
<b>DES 378</b>	<b>Web Design 1</b> Pre-requisite: DES 377, DES 380	DES Studio Elective	DES 230 Intro to Jewelry or DES 220 Intro to Ceramics or DES 242 Fibers 1 or DES 250 Design in Wood
IF Core		IF Core	

SENIOR YEAR			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<b>DES 473</b>	<b>Graphic Design</b> Pre-requisites: DES 377, DES 380	<b>DES 488</b>	<b>Internship</b>
<b>DES 489</b>	<b>Motion Design II</b> Pre-requisites: DES 379	IF Core	
<b>DES 414</b>	<b>Senior Seminar</b>	IF Core	
IF Core		Elective	
IF Core			

IF = Intellectual Foundations courses

B.F.A. degree major requirements total 79 credits. The course sequence and instructor designation is subject to change if needed.

Anticipated Date of Graduation:

Student Signature:

Advisor Signature:

## BFA in Graphic Design Special Directives

A skills proficiency exam is required after completion of DES 101, DES 103, FAR 101, FAR 220, and the completion of the introductory course in the major (DES 277). The exam will be administered in May of each year beginning in 2018.

To continue in the Graphic Design B.F.A. degree program, the student must maintain a 2.75 grade point average in the major.

**Studio Elective Courses:** 3 credits selected by advisement from: **DES 220** Intro to Jewelry, or **DES 220** Intro to Ceramics, or **DES 242** Fibers 1, or **DES 250** Design in Wood

## Additional Degree Requirements

In addition to the Art and Design major coursework and the general education coursework (Intellectual Foundations Program)\*, all undergraduate degree candidates must meet the following college wide graduation requirements:

- Successful completion of required coursework in the declared major
- Successful completion of at least 120 hours of which at least 33 must be upper division and 32 must be taken at Buffalo State, including the last 16
- Successful completion of all "I", "N", or "X" grades
- \*The general education (Intellectual Foundation) courses do not have to be taken in the order in which they are listed on the front of this sheet. The scheduling and sequencing of the Intellectual Foundations coursework is the student's choice with guidance from her/his advisor.
- The three credit Diversity requirement has the following courses which can be double-dipped to fulfil another Intellectual Foundations requirement:
  - Arts - MUS 206; Humanities - AAS 240, ENG 231, 240, 241, 243;
  - Social Science - SOC 240; Non-Western Civ. - ENG 353
- Please see the Buffalo State online catalog for detailed information on graduation requirements. Ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to meet all requirements for graduation.

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