

GRAPHIC DESIGN BFA

(BFA-AH-GRD) <http://artdesign.buffalostate.edu/graphic-design>

Graphic Design BFA Transfer Plan

Students should have the following equivalent courses completed at previous institution.

DES 101 – Intro to 2D, DES 103 – Intro to 3D, FAR 101 – Drawing I, FAR 250 – Art History I
 FAR 251 – Art History II, FAR 220 – Intro to Photography, DES 277 Computer Graphics I

Most General Education Requirements – especially Writing and Math

Ideally, students will transfer with 60 credits from their previous institution.

In order to complete a two-year BFA program without sacrificing programmatic quality or integrity, students must follow this plan, dedicate themselves to being a full-time student, and maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher. Only FAR 104, DES 307, DES 314, and electives can be taken out of sequence, but the below sequence is preferred.

JUNIOR YEAR 30 credits (first year transfer)			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
FAR 104	Themes and Issues in Art	DES 307	Color
DES 377	Computer Graphics II (co-req. DES 378, DES 270, DES 271)	DES 379	Motion Design 1 (co-req. DES 380, DES 370)
DES 378	Web Design 1 (co-req. DES 377, DES 270, DES 271)	DES 380	Illustration (co-req. DES 379, DES 370)
DES 270	Visual Communication I (co-req. DES 377, DES 378, DES 271)	DES 370	Visual Communication II (co-req. DES 379, DES 380)
DES 271	Typography (co-req. DES 377, DES 378, DES 270)	DES 314	Graphic Design History
	Skills Proficiency Exam *		

SENIOR YEAR 30 credits (second year transfer)			
FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
DES 473	Graphic Design (co-req. DES 489, DES 382, DES 374)	DES 488	Internship (3 credits) (co-req. DES 472, DES 414)
DES 489	Motion Design II (co-req. DES 473, DES 382, DES 374)	DES 472	Web Design II (co-req. DES 488, DES 414)
DES 382	Digital 3D1 (co-req. DES 473, DES 489, DES 374)	DES 414	Senior Seminar (co-req. DES 488, DES 472)
DES 374	Advertising (co-req. DES 473, DES 489, DES 382)	Elective*	(Design or General Education)
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*Students will need to work with advisor to select electives. Students and advisors must ensure that students receive 45 credits of upper-division credit in the major.

Students that drop or fail a course in the above sequence may delay graduation by one year. Such students may consider pursuing another degree plan.

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 Communication 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 Communication 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 fulfill 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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