

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Art & Design, BFA Concentration in Photography and Documentary Studies (PDS)

BFA-AS-AAD (PSD)

Fall 2023 GE23

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	GE CWP 101*	
Drawing I	AAD 101	
Introduction to 2-D Design	AAD 102	
Introduction to 3-D Design	AAD 103	
Art History I or II	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 1 st course* Arts AAD 251 or AAD 252	

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing II	GE CWP 102*	CWP 101
Digital Presentation Methods	AAD 104	
Themes/Issues in Contemporary Art	AAD 150	
Art History I or II	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 1 st course* Arts AAD 251 or AAD 252	
Introductory Photography	FAR 220	

Notes and recommendations:

Attend at least one faculty office hour; visit Academic Commons (Math & Writing Centers, tutoring); view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Introduction to Digital Fabrication	AAD 105	
Introduction to Visual Communication	COM 215	COM 100 or SPC 103
Writing About the Arts or Creative Writing: Narrative	ENG 245 or ENG 305	CWP 102
Intermediate Photography	FAR 321	FAR 220
	GE Math *	

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Advanced Photography (First of 2)	FAR 323	FAR 321
Basic Media Production or Film Analysis and Evaluation or Documentary Film Analysis	COM 312 or SPC 326 or SPC 426	COM 212 or COM 215 or TFA 201
Introductory Printmaking or Web Design 1 or Motion Design or Digital 3D 1	FAR 230 or DES 378 or DES 379 or DES 382	AAD 101 or AAD 104 or DES 277
	GE Nat. Sci/Sci Reason*	

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 2nd course*	

Notes and recommendations:

A portfolio review is required after completion of AAD 101, AAD 102, AAD 103, AAD 104, and the completion of the introductory and intermediate courses in the major (FAR 220 and FAR 321). To continue in the B.F.A. concentration program, the student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in the major.

Form a study group

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Advanced Photography (Second of 2)	FAR 323	FAR 321
Elements & Principles of Interior Design or Ceramics I or Wood Design I or Introductory Sculpture or Urban Planning	IDE 104 or DES 220 or DES 250 or FAR 240 or GEG 309	
Introductory Printmaking or Web Design 1 or Motion Design or Digital 3D 1	FAR 230 or DES 378 or DES 379 or DES 382	AAD 101 or AAD 104 or DES 277
	GE Diversity* 3XX UL**	
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 2nd course*	

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro studio course	DES/FAR/AAD Elective	
History of Photography	FAR 325	
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 3rd course*	
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 3rd course*	
	Elective	

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career Development Center; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Senior Studio in Photography (First of 2)	FAR 420	FAR 323
Art Since 1940 or Design in the 20 th Century	FAR 364 or DES 317	AAD 251 and AAD 252 or AAD 150 and DES 215
	DES/FAR/AAD Elective 3XX UL**	Intro course in area
	3XX or 4XX UL** Elective	
	Elective	

For additional information about the Photography and Documentary Studies Concentration, please contact:

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Or visit artdesign.buffalostate.edu/photography

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Senior Studio in Photography (Second of 2)	FAR 420	FAR 323
Senior Seminar	AAD 470	Senior Status. Art and Design majors only.
	DES/FAR/AAD Elective 3XX UL**	Intro course in area
	3XX or 4XX UL** Elective	
	Elective	

Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career Development Center to have your resume reviewed

B.F.A. concentration requirements total 78 credits. The course sequence may be subject to change.

*General Education (GE) courses, **3XX or 4XX UL refers to an upper-level course. 45 UL credits needed.