

Christopher Newport University Bachelor of Arts in Art and Art History

Studio Art Major with 2D and 3D Media Concentration

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Visual Arts

TRANSFER GUIDE
Catalog Year: 2025-2026

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at CNU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		Foreign Language	3	One 3-credit hour language course at the 200-level is required for graduation
ENGL 123	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		FNAR 128	3	
ENGL 223	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing		Sophomore Portfolio Review		
FNAR 201	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic		Select a minimum of six courses	18	FNAR 224, 227, 241, 251, 252, 322, 324, 327, 341, 351, 352, 395, 401, 402, 491, 495
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3	Any UCGS Humanities or Literature		Select one course	3	300- or 400-level art history course
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)		Select one course	3	FNAR 371 or 377
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3	Any UCGS History		FNAR 371 or 377	3	
Liberal Learning Curriculum	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		FNAR 403W	3	
Liberal Learning Curriculum	3-5	Any UCGS Math		FNAR 488	3	
Liberal Learning Curriculum	6-8	Any UCGS transfer course		General Electives	21	If needed to meet 120 credits
FNAR 121	3	ART 121 Foundations of Drawing				

FNAR 118	3	ART 131 Two Dimensional Design			
FNAR 117	3	ART 132 Three Dimensional Design			
Elective	3	ART 200 Survey of Non-Western Art or ART 215 History of Modern Art			
Elective	6	Choose two courses from: ART 130 Intro to Multimedia* ART 140 Introduction to Graphic Skills* ART 180 Intro to Computer Graphics* ART 223 Life & Figure Drawing PHT XXX* Additional Studio Art courses (eg ART 125 Painting, ART 153 Ceramics, ART 231 Sculpture, ART 271 Printmaking)			
FNAR 202	3	ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern			
Elective	6-12		Students who have completed all prerequisites and community college requirements should take additional courses from the rows above or transfer elective courses to fulfill the 60-62 credit requirement.		
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60	

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to CNU:

- Submit the [letter of intent](#) after at least 15 credit hours are earned at the VCCS, prior to graduation from the VCCS, and prior to applying for admission to CNU
- Graduate with a transfer-oriented degree from the VCCS with a 3.2 cumulative GPA
- Have at least one semester (fall/spring) with full-time enrollment (min. 12 credits)
- Maintain continuous enrollment in all non-summer terms from the point of registering their intent to transfer until the associate degree has been conferred

Formally apply for admission to CNU in the semester designated on the letter of intent and follow all admission processes, requirements and established deadlines

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** transfer.cnu.edu
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Once at least 15 credit hours are earned at the VCCS, prior to graduation from the VCCS, and prior to applying for admission at CNU by completing this form https://cnu.edu/admission/transfer/pdf/cnu-vccs_gaa_letter_of_intent.pdf
- **Admission Application for Fall:** Priority date is March 1, application closes mid-July
- **Admission Application for Spring:** Priority date is October 1, application closes mid-December
- **Financial Aid:** cnu.edu/financialaid/types/
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and CNU within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

We believe art making is a thoughtful exploration of ideas. You'll learn perceptual skills, analytical and critical competence, and technical skills in specific media. We emphasize the importance of process, creative problem solving, various means of artistic conceptualization, and the context of historical and contemporary art. The major in studio art prepares students for careers as professional working artists, graphic designers, photographers, videographers, art therapists, and art educators.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer-oriented associate degree will satisfy all lower-level liberal learning core requirements, excluding second language

literacy, graduation requirements, upper-level requirements and concentration / minor / major requirements. Courses, with a grade of 'C' or better, that have a Christopher Newport equivalent will transfer for 60-66 hours of college-level credit.

- **Credit for Prior Learning:** CNU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP and military credits
- **Catalog Year:** <https://cnu.edu/public/undergradcatalog/>

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- We think 5,000 students is just the right size. We're large enough to offer a wide variety of opportunities, but we're small enough that you won't feel like you are just a number
- 90% of our faculty have the highest degree in their field but more important is their passion for engaging and advising students inside and outside the classroom
- More than half of our classes have 19 or fewer students and less than 5% have 50 students or more! Professors know our students by name and expect them to be engaged each class
- We enjoy a wonderful sense of community here, and our Honor Code is taken very seriously. We have a speaking tradition and you'll find that students and faculty here will hold the door for you and look you in the eye as you walk by

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at CNU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2D and 3D Media track teaches the creation of visual art through traditional two-dimensional (painting, drawing, printmaking) and three-dimensional (ceramics, sculpture) processes.
- The Graphic Design concentration prepares students to apply artistic and computer techniques to the interpretation of technical and commercial concepts.
- The Photography and Video Art concentration focuses on the principles and techniques of communicating information, ideas, and personal expression through the creation of images on photographic film, plates, and digital images and prepares students to be professional photographic artists.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Students are encouraged to participate in an internship while pursuing their degree
- Students are encouraged to study abroad during while pursuing their degree