

Norfolk State University Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts and Graphic Design

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Visual Arts

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at NSU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
SEM 101 (1 credit), SEM 102 (1 credit), and SEM 201 (1 credit)	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation	Students will receive 1 or 2 credits based on the number of credits transferred from the VCCS course. Students may need to take SEM 201 or an additional 1 or 2 credits at NSU to meet the 120-credit-hour minimum.	PED 100 and HED 100	3	Students may take these courses at VCCS if possible.
ENG 101	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		HUM 211	3	
ENG 102	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing		African American History or Literature HIS 335, HIS 336, HIS 370, HIS 377, POS 315, ENG 383	3	Upper-division gen. ed. courses to meet the NSU cultural perspectives requirement
FIA 270 or FIA 271	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic or ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern		FIA 295	1	FIA 295 Sophomore/Junior Review (This course is a review of student work in their first two years in the Fine Arts program. Faculty will evaluate the student's strengths and discuss areas that may require further development. The student's portfolio must include two works from each studio course completed at NSU (or VCCS) and a written narrative statement for each piece of work must also be submitted.
General Education	3	Any UCGS Humanities or Literature		FIA 221	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science		FIA 271	3	If not taken at VCCS
HIS 100 Level	3	Any UCGS History		FIA 370	3	
BIO 100 and BIO 100 LAB	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		FIA 314	3	
Gen Ed Math	3-5	Any UCGS Math		SOC 101	3	

ENG 285 (Public Speaking)	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication is recommended.	FIA 470	3	If not taken at VCCS
CSC 150	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course	ITE 152 is recommended.	FIA 434	3	
FIA 120	3	ART 121 Foundations of Drawing		FIA 491	3	
FIA 114	3	ART 131 Two Dimensional Design		FIA 420	3	
FIA 240	3	ART 132 Three Dimensional Design		FIA 462	3	
FIA 110 or FIA 470	3	ART 200 Survey of Non- Western Art or ART 215 History of Modern Art		FIA 495	2	
FIA 220, FIA 234, FIA 140, or FIA 240	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 (under development) Additional Studio Art courses (e.g. ART 125 Painting, ART 153 Ceramics, ART 231 Sculpture, ART 271 Printmaking)	ART 223 Life & Figure Drawing, ART 125 Painting, ART 153 Ceramics, and ART 231 Sculpture are recommended.	Free Electives/Gen. Ed. Electives	18	A non-art minor can be established by choosing carefully with your advisor the 15-18 necessary hours of electives.
Gen. Ed. Elective, Cultural Elective, Foreign Lang. 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: 60-61		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement between NSU and the VCCS

This degree program is covered by NSU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the B.A. in Fine Arts and Graphic Design:

- Earn a transfer associate degree based on the Visual Arts curriculum.
- Earn a minimum of 2.0 GPA for the associate degree.
- A maximum of 63 credits will transfer and apply toward a bachelor's degree requirements.
- Submit your transfer application for admission by March 1, including an unofficial transcript.
- Request an official transcript to be sent upon completing the associate degree.
- Transfer within four years of first enrolling at the community college and within one year of completing the appropriate associate degree.

Please visit the www.TransferVirginia.org portal to find course requirements for different majors (Transfer Tools) and Transfer Guides that outline course requirements for specific majors (Resource Center).

See the [VCCS Transfer Programs](#) page for more details in our Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

No letter of intent is required to apply for guaranteed admission.

This transfer guide shows an optimal path to a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and Graphic Design at Norfolk State University. Completing the coursework above will position you to transfer to NSU in Fine Arts and Graphic Design with junior standing and the potential to graduate in two years. If you complete the associate degree but haven't taken all of the recommended courses, you may still be able to pursue a Fine Arts and Graphic Design degree at NSU, but your time to graduation may be impacted.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** Transfer Admissions & Services <https://www.nsu.edu/transfer>
- **Admission Application:** By May 1 at <https://www.nsu.edu/Admissions-Aid/Apply-Online>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.nsu.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** By October 1 at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students are required to complete a sophomore and senior portfolio development course and a professional exhibition during their last semester of the program. FIA 495 Senior Exhibition/Senior Portfolio course must be completed after all program requirements have been met and only during the last semester when the student is expected to graduate.
- 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 NSU within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- A grade of C or higher is required for all Fine Art courses.
- This is a professional degree program which requires specific skills and competencies prior to enrollment. Basic art and design skills and competencies are required to be successful. Students should have a professional portfolio of their artworks prior to enrollment.
- All studio courses run for three hours, and students are expected to visit the studio for self-directed assignments and practice sessions. Students are required to visit the studio on Friday to complete assignments and personal projects.
- To successfully complete the degree program, students must complete a sophomore and senior portfolio review process and an art exhibition.

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

- **Transfer Associate Degree Completion:** Completion of a transfer-level associate degree satisfies all lower-division general education requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The agreement of guaranteed admission into the college applies to students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school who have completed a transfer associate degree with a minimum of 45 credits completed through a Virginia Community College, with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** All course credits that were awarded by the two-year institution for equivalent prior learning experiences (IB, AP, CLEP, Military, etc.) will transfer based on the transfer equivalence for the course awarded.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at the community college post high school graduation. For students maintaining continuous enrollment, this entitlement will be in effect for a minimum of four years from the time of the student's first enrollment at the two-year institution. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- NSU has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as a Top 20 HBCU. in the nation.
- It is close to downtown Norfolk and within driving distance of Virginia Beach.
- On-campus housing is available. Weekend/evening/summer courses are available, and online degree options are available for several programs.
- NSU is a military-friendly institution.
- 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 NSU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Considering the student's exposure to a vast body of knowledge in fine and applied arts, while in training, a fine arts student can secure employment in the following areas of employment: graphic designer, book illustrator, cartoonist (print media), news photographer, fashion designer, fabric designer, art writer, public art sculptor and painter, web design, game design, interior and exterior decoration, screen printer, production manager advertising, sign designer

and painter, merchandise displayer, scenic artistic director, model maker, package designer, dressmakers, master tailor, metalworker, architectural modeler, landscape drafter, miniature set designer, muralist calligrapher, independent filmmaker, wood, stone, leather, glass and fiber artists, silversmith and crafter, police department, central intelligence agency, federal bureau of investigation, art education, teacher, and graduate school.

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

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- The department has top-of-the-line, industry-standard equipment in Graphic Design, Photography, Fashion Design, and Studio Arts.
- Graduates from our program are entrepreneurs who run their own graphic design firms, successful fashion designers, professional studio artists, Emmy-nominated professional makeup artists, 2D and 3D animators to name a few.
- Our community engagement initiatives have led to a high retention and graduation rate among our students.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- NSU accepts close to 90 percent of students who complete an application.
- The average GPA of students admitted is 2.9.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Students who are enrolled in Fine Arts-Graphic Design may select a minor in other areas within the arts or other disciplines.
- The department offers a Master of Fine Arts in Visual Studies that provides highly motivated and mature students with an intensive, multifaceted, educational experience in the visual arts. The M.F.A. is a professional terminal degree in studio art, usually completed in two and a half years. It is not a media specific studio program. This structure allows students the flexibility to explore and develop new working methods without the constraints of a media driven major.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

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